CIVIC CONNECTION

A Monthly News Service from the Division of Communications for Norfolk Civic Organizations

MAYOR PAUL FRAIM ANNOUNCES TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Beginning October 11, Mayor Paul D. Fraim and members of City Council will host town hall meetings in each of the council wards as well as downtown. Their purpose is to seek input from citizens on issues of interest and concern as they relate to the City overall, the respective wards and downtown. The town hall meetings come on the 10 year anniversary of *Neighbors All: A Conversation About Our Community and Its Future*.

That city-wide meeting – attended by nearly 400 citizens - produced eight priority areas that since then have been the catalyst for a number of council actions and for follow-up meetings in the community. In the spirit of *Neighbors All*, Mayor Fraim and the City Council invite citizens to meet with them to offer input on issues of interest and concern as they relate to the City overall and the wards. These will be working meetings with participants broken into small groups so that everyone has a fair chance to participate.

Meetings will run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. as follows:

Ward 2

Wednesday, October 11

Lafayette Winona Middle School, 1701 Alsace Avenue

Ward 3

Wednesday, October 18

Norview Middle School, 6325 Sewells Point Rd.

Ward 1

Wednesday, October 25

Titustown Recreation Center, 7545 Diven St.

Ward 5

Wednesday, November 1

Bayview Recreation Center, 8613 Willow Terrace

Ward 4

Wednesday, November 8

Campostella Elementary School, 1106 Campostella Rd.

Downtown

Wednesday, November 29

Radisson Hotel, corner St. Pauls Blvd. and Brambleton Av.

LABOR DAY WASTE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

City of Norfolk, Division of Communications 810 Union Street, Room 302, Norfolk, Virginia 23510 [757] 664.4266 / fax: [757] 664.4006 / www.Norfolk.va.us Trash will be picked up on a regular schedule during the week of Labor Day. All bulk pick-up requests for Tuesday, September 5 must be called in by 3 p.m. September 1. September 5. Recycling will also be picked up on the regular schedule. Call 441-5813 or visit www.norfolk.gov/publicworks/waste.asp to schedule a bulk pickup.

RED RIBBON WEEK - Show your power, choose to be drug free

Red Ribbon Pledge - No use of illegal drugs, no illegal use of legal drugs

Studies have shown for many years that a community's attitude about substance abuse is a prime determinant of the extent of substance use and abuse in that community. That is why Norfolk participates in the Red Ribbon Campaign, a national substance abuse awareness and prevention effort sponsored locally by the City of Norfolk, Norfolk Public Schools and others. This national week was dedicated to honor former Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Enrique Camarena, who was killed by a Mexican drug cartel in 1985. This year's campaign is October 21-29. Here is how you can help:

- Wear a red ribbon and arrange for red ribbons for your friends and neighbors. Ribbons are available through your civic league or the Office of PACE Support Services, 501 Boush Street (441-2400) or at City Hall, in the lobby reception area. Or, make your own ribbons. Put a name on the back of someone you hope will stay or become free of substance abuse.
- Promote a drug-free lifestyle at home and talk to your kids or other young relatives about it.
- Attend a Youth Talent Exhibition at Military Circle (Food Court) on October 21, 12:30 3:30.
- Decorate the outside of your home to show your commitment.

"Our dream is that the children of Norfolk will see Red Ribbons being worn by every person with whom they come into contact that week. Help us send a unified message against drug use to our kids. Show your power," Marty Raiss, Administrator PACE (Police Assisted Community Enforcement) Outreach.

NORFOLK OFFERS PODCASTING OF NIGHT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS/NEWS AND FEATURE SHOWS

Residents will be able to catch up on City news while jogging, biking, driving or riding thanks to a new podcasting service offered by the City of Norfolk.

On Friday, Norfolk began offering audio and video podcasts of the most recent four night City Council meetings (now shown on Norfolk's Neighborhood Network - TV48 - and the website), and accompanying explanation of agenda items; the monthly edition of the award-winning show *Norfolk News Now* program, a feature on Norfolk's celebration

of the Negro Baseball League and an inspiring talk by John "Buck" O'Neil, a 95-year-old former league player. The City plans to add more shows in the near future.

Podcasts are video or audio files that can be automatically downloaded and transferred to an iPod or other digital media player. The downloads are currently available for free on itunes (go to podcasting and type City of Norfolk in the search box) and the City's website: http://www.norfolk.gov/podcast/default.asp
Users may also sign up to be notified of new podcasts.

NORFOLK'S NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK – NOW 24 HOURS A DAY ON WEB

Internet users can listen or watch Norfolk's Neighborhood Network (now on cable TV49) live, 24 hours a day. Access the station by clicking on the NNN icon on the front page of www.norfolk.gov. Not only will this let Norfolk residents keep in touch while out of town (or watching satellite TV), it will let our thousands of out-of-area (and out of country) users of the Norfolk website keep up with their favorite shows.



THE CHRYSLER GETS WIRED

At the Chrysler, Museum Director William Hennessey and Director of Education Scott Hower collaborated to produce a podcast for the special exhibition, *Masterpieces from an English Country House: The Fitzwilliam Collection*. This informal tour of the exhibition is available for download at www.chrysler.org, or guests at the Museum may borrow iPods with the tour already loaded from the Admissions desk. This new technology is just one of many ways in which the Chrysler fulfills its mission to "bring art and people together." Museums and museum-goers across the country are taking advantage of the new technology to produce a variety of audio tours and to distribute these recordings via the Internet.

CITY SOLICITS DESIGNS FOR CORNER LOT ST. PAUL'S AT PLUME AND CITY HALL

The City has invited development teams to submit qualifications and proposals to create a signature high rise office/mixed-use development on the City owned site bounded by City Hall Avenue, St. Paul's Boulevard and Plume Street. The RFQ-P is being solicited as a result of the City's strong office market where Class A vacancy rates have dropped below 10 percent for the last two years, and where the last new building to be developed in 2002 (150 W. Main) is fully leased.

Any proposed developments must be compatible with the Downtown 2010 Plan, which provides an overall vision for the future of Downtown Norfolk that includes

guidelines for the placement and design of buildings. The City is currently producing a Pattern Book for Downtown Buildings to facilitate this process. The design guidelines for the former Snyder Property contain the principles and some of the essential patterns that will be defined by that Pattern Book. They also conform to the pre-existing design guidelines for Downtown.

The goal of the plan is to continue establishing Downtown Norfolk as the unique living, working, shopping, cultural, civic, and entertainment heart of the region. It will include a collection of dynamic urban places and continuous network of pedestrian scale public open space. There will be harmony among the various buildings, especially along the frontages of public open spaces to create congenial urban environment.

The lot in question, formerly known as the Snyder Property, is a key element in the vision. It marks an important gateway to the Downtown and will therefore contribute to its identity and image. Currently at the edge of the pedestrian scale areas of Downtown, it will in the future, be in the middle of a continuous pedestrian environment. The character of the lower facades should represent and support pedestrian scale activity. The site is appropriate for a tall building and there is no height limit in these guidelines. However the articulation of the tower is extremely important. Norfolk's traditional skyscrapers have tall, slender profiles, which should be reflected in the massing of proposed development. For more information, go to www.norfolk.gov and click on "Snyder Lot Development."

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION

As part of the ongoing effort to improve the effectiveness of the City's agenda process, the transmittal letters for City Councils ordinances and resolutions considered at its meetings have been revised. The new format is not only more user friendly for City Council, but will also aide residents in better understanding issues that are placed on the docket.

The Administrative recommendation(s) has been moved to the beginning of the document, and is followed by a series of highlighted sections designed to improve readability. These highlighted sections include: fiscal impact, environmental impacts and community outreach/notification. All changes are structured to assist the reader in identifying key variables of the decision making process.

WASTE MANAGEMENT LAUNCHES NEW APPRENTICE PROGRAM

On Monday, August 28, six men and one woman joined the Department of Public Works Division of Waste Management as refuse collector apprentices for six months. The program's goal is to provide on- the- job training to individuals transitioning into the workforce as well as provide the Division of Waste Management with a pool of experienced permanent refuse collectors.

The program's curriculum, which is led by the Division's senior collection personnel, includes classroom instruction and on-the-job training in the field. Within six months, the apprentices are expected to obtain their commercial driver's license (CDL).

JOHN T. WEST DEMOLITION UPDATE

Following completions of demotion and removal of debris at the former John T. West School, the City will maintain and monitor the property as community open space while the City formulates ideas for future uses. The Administration will provide a work plan that ensures the City incorporates community engagement and that we identify opportunities for memorializing the property's historic significance. In the short term, the City will remove the fence surrounding the site once reseeding takes place.

CITY'S TRAFFIC ENGINEER ELECTED TO BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Members of the Intelligent Transportation Society of Virginia (ITSVA) have elected City Transportation Engineer Guzin Akan, PhD to serve on the society's Board of Directors. ITSVA is a public/private partnership that promotes the deployment of intelligent transportation technology. The organization also works to improve public awareness regarding the benefits of technology for transportation. ITSVA works collectively with State, county, and local governments in Virginia to utilize technology to develop and grow the best transportation system that finite resources can buy.

Akan, who has been elected to a three year term, will work to create policy and guide the direction of the association.

NORFOLK'S NEW WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER BLENDS BEAUTY, FORM AND FUNCTION

The City of Norfolk announced the beginning of a new era in public service today with the Grand Opening of the Norfolk Workforce Development Center at Wards Corner. The 89,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility, located at 201 East Little Creek Road, offers citizens a beautiful setting and convenient location in which to access employment

services and public assistance. The Center features leading-edge technology, eloquent interior design and innovative service delivery.

The City of Norfolk created the Workforce Development Center with the future in mind: to cultivate Norfolk's workforce by guiding the disadvantaged and/or disabled toward greater self-reliance. The Center promotes employment through programs and services offered by the Department of Human Services and partner agencies including KRA Corporation, The Planning Council, Community Services Board, Virginia Tidewater Consortium, Eggleston Services, and the Department of Neighborhood Preservation.

For more information about the Norfolk Workforce Development Center visit www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/workforce.asp

NORFOLK TO HOST MAJOR TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE

Norfolk City Councilman Randy Wright announced that the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) will hold its annual convention in Norfolk in July 2007. Wright made the announcement during a meeting of the Hampton Roads Transportation District Commission.

Wright, who is a member of APTA's Board of Directors, said the lobbying effort to secure the conference began three years ago.

"This is a very prestigious conference for the City of Norfolk," Wright said.

APTA delegates from as far away as California and Texas are expected to attend the conference.

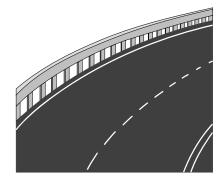
NORFOLK HOSTS CITY'S 2ND ANNUAL BLACK EXPO

Various venues throughout the City took center stage in mid-August as part of the activities related to the 2nd Annual Black Expo. The EXPO, which targets business owners as well as the general public, provides workshops focusing on entrepreneurship, health, education, hospitality, tourism, supplier diversity and procurement.

TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL SESSION

The General Assembly is slated to return to the Special Session in September to complete work on the transportation plans.

The Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has until December to finalize our region's 20 year plan. At the June meeting, members of the MPO discussed what, if any action should be taken now



due to the inaction of the General Assembly. It was agreed that the package should remain intact unless the legislature fails to act by November. If the legislature fails to act, the HRPDC staff will prepare recommendations amending the 20-year plan to meet the fiscal

restraint requirements of the Federal Highway Administration. Failure of the General Assembly to provide sustainable long term funding will greatly diminish the possibility of including the current projects in the package.

GOVERNOR KAINE ANNOUNCES FEDERAL GRANT AWARD TO EXPAND HOME OWNERSHIP

~ VHDA to match \$997,500 federal grant ~

The Virginia Community Action Partnership (VACAP) has been awarded \$997,500 in federal grant funds for the expansion of the Virginia Individual Development Accounts (VIDA) initiative, according to Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine.

The program is administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in partnership with the Virginia Department of Social Services and promotes home ownership for low-income Virginians.

In addition, Governor Kaine announced that the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) will provide \$977,500 in matching support for the new VIDA PLUS initiative. VIDA PLUS is expected to help nearly 500 Virginia families purchase their first home during the five-year life of the grant, doubling the number of families that can currently be served.

The federal grant was awarded through the Assets for Independence program, which is designed to assist those who need help in becoming financially stable. VACAP is the lead applicant for a coalition of state and local organizations and agencies committed to homeownership and individual economic self-sufficiency that applied for the grant. Members include DHCD, VHDA, the Virginia Department of Social Services, Total Action Against Poverty (TAP) in Roanoke, and the Institute for Policy Outreach at Virginia Tech.

VIDA PLUS will make homeownership more accessible for families through individual development accounts -- special matched savings accounts that help individuals build productive assets and self-sufficiency. VIDA PLUS will offer a match rate of 2:1. For example, \$2,000 in savings will be matched by \$4,000 from VIDA PLUS, for a total of \$6,000 for a home down payment or other costs related to the purchase of a home.

The VIDA PLUS initiative will be launched in the fall. In the meantime, please e-mail VIDA@dhcd.virginia.gov or call DHCD at (804) 371-7127 to learn more about VIDA.

SECOND ANNUAL PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT TAKES PLACE AT SCOPE

SCOPE served as the location for the Second Annual Project Homeless Connect on Thursday, August 24. This project is structured to provide services to the homeless and engage the community in committing to the overarching goal to end homelessness in ten years.

The program uses a one-stop approach to offer homeless people assistance with housing, health care, legal issues, benefits enrollment, treatment and other basic needs. Based on last year's evaluation of the program, the City and its partners are initiating enhancements that are designed to better meet the needs of participants. These enhanced services include: identification issuance; same day hiring by temporary agencies; expanded Veterans programming; on-site barber shop; and the initiation of the regional affordable housing database.

More than 60 businesses, foundations and community based organizations are providing funding, goods and services for this year's program. This level of support also includes a volunteer base that will exceed over 400 individuals.

COUNCILMAN WRIGHT TO HOLD PUBLIC FORUM CONCERNING LIGHT RAIL AT KIRN MEMORIAL

Are you spending too much time in your car stuck in traffic jams? Join Councilman Randy Wright on **September 13 at noon in the Kirkby Room, 2nd floor of the Kirn Memorial Library on City Hall Avenue**, for a presentation on the city's light rail plan. As a specialist in transportation issues, Councilman Wright will share his expertise on the subject of light rail and will be discussing subjects of interest to the downtown community such as station locations, commuter impact, and a construction timeline. The 7.5-mile rail line would run from Eastern Virginia Medical Center through downtown to Kempsville Road. The line is projected to carry 6,500 to 12,000 riders a day. Light refreshments will be served during the hour-long public meeting and comments and questions will be welcomed.

Councilman Randy Wright has served the public as a councilman since 1992, representing Ward 5. Committed to Norfolk transportation, he serves on the Hampton Roads Transit Regional Board, the Virginia Municipal League's Transportation Policy Committee, and is the chair of the Commission of Transportation in Urban Areas. For more information on this event or other Norfolk Public Library programs, please call (757)664-7323 or visit our website at www.npl.lib.va.us.

COUNCILMAN BURFOOT TO HOLD COMMUNITY DAY IN SEPTEMBER

Ward 3 Councilman Anthony Burfoot will hold a Community Day, Back to School Cookout and Annual Basketball Tournament, on **Saturday, September 9th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at Ballentine School, 2415 Ballentine Blvd. Food, fun, games, live music and a day of connecting old friends with new friends.



TEENS LEARN HOW FAR THEIR "PAYCHECK" WILL GO IN REALITY STORE

Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority Youth Services hosted an innovative financial education workshop for youth called "Reality Store" in July. The Reality Store was open to young people (11 and up) and was designed to do the following:

- Give youth an idea of what their lives might be like in the future,
- Help youth become aware of their needs for basic skills in financial planning, goal setting, decision-making and career planning,
- Help young men and women examine their attitudes about their futures and their career aspirations,
- Help youth gain a greater awareness of whether the career they are considering would support the lifestyle they would like as adults, and
- Motivate students to stay in school, stay away from drugs and avoid teenage pregnancy.

During the Reality Store, students were given an occupation based on education options. These options may include completing secondary education, post secondary education, not furthering their education after high school, or dropping out of school.

Representatives from the federal government, housing industry, utilities, grocery stores, department stores, financial institutions, auto dealerships, medical profession, child-care centers, travel and entertainment industry, and etc. will be present at the Reality Store to help the participants determine how much of their income must be spent in each category in order to provide for their daily lifestyle.

VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL 10^{TH} ANNIVERSARY SEASON SCORES A '10'

Artistic achievements, record-breaking attendance and increased outreach to the region's students make this season a winner!

Virginia Arts Festival's 10th anniversary season this spring brought a record number of attendees to its 57 diverse public performances. World-class artists representing dance, theatre, music, film, vocal and family entertainment brought the arts to life in 27 venues spanning Virginia's Eastern Shore (Cape Charles) to The Historic Triangle (Williamsburg).

Artistically, many of the world's greatest artists graced the Festival's stages. Festival director Robert W. Cross said, "We welcomed back many by popular demand, among them the Alvin Ailey® American Dance Theater and Van Cliburn."

Others made their Festival debuts. Newcomers to the artist roster were among the season's sold-out performances: Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble, the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, the Big Band Weekend starring Big Bad

Voodoo Daddy and the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, and Natalie MacMaster. Cross continued, "We are extremely proud of our second John Duffy Composers Institute, a resounding success on all fronts."

Ticket sales rose 8 percent for the Virginia International Tattoo. Its opening night performance was a sell-out and this year's 850-member cast featured more pipes and drums than ever (156), a salute to Canada, and a moving tribute to our nation's military families.

Group sales increased 30 percent over 2005. Eighteen states and Washington, D.C. were represented by 128 groups from as far away as Texas and Minnesota and as close to home as Norfolk.

The Festival's 98 WorldClass® Education programs reached close to 30,000 young people, 10 percent more than last year. The lives of students and educators in 28 of the region's cities and towns were touched by the Festival's outreach. Three student matinee performances sold out. Based upon increasing demand for quality arts in education opportunities, a second student performance of the Virginia International Tattoo is on the 2007 schedule.

The festival did all this while maintaining a balanced budget. "The world of not-for-profit arts management is always a delicate balancing act. As artists, we are committed to presenting the very best that's out there for our patrons. As managers, we are equally committed to fiscal responsibility as we are stewards of the invaluable contributed income we receive," Cross said. A balanced budget remains a top priority for Virginia Arts Festival's staff and board of directors. The 10th Anniversary Season proved to be no exception.

The 11th annual Virginia Arts Festival is slated for April 17-June 3, 2007. The artist lineup will be announced in September. The Virginia International Tattoo is slated for April 20-21-22 at Scope Arena, Norfolk. Groups (15+) may book tickets now by calling 757-282-2819. WorldClass® Education Program information is available now; call 757-282-2817. Visit www.vafest.com or call 757-282-2800 for Virginia Arts Festival general information.

HOLIDAYS IN THE CITY 2006

It's sizzling outside but in the offices of the Downtown Norfolk Council, both staff and volunteers are thinking holidays. A Grand Illumination Parade Steering Committee is already meeting and a Holidays in the City Advisory committee made up of representatives from both Portsmouth and Norfolk are gearing up for one of the greatest holiday celebrations ever.



Holidays in the City highlights the entertainment events that take place in downtown Norfolk and Olde Towne Portsmouth during the holidays. To kick of the season, the

skyline on both sides of the Elizabeth River are illuminated and Santa comes to town as the annual Grand Marshal of the Grand Illumination Parade.

The theme for this year's celebration is "American Holidays through History", a tribute to Jamestown's 400th birthday. The Grand Illumination and Parade is scheduled for November 18.

There are many ways to participate. For more information about what you or your company can do to be a part this exciting holiday tradition, contact DNC's Special Events Coordinator, Noel Gramlich at 623-1757, extension 308.

CITY UPDATES

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT CENTER

Adoption Rates

Dogs who must be sterilized - \$145; price includes: veterinary exam, first set of vaccines, rabies vaccine, heartworm test, fecal exam, pre-anesthetic blood work, spay/neuter, 1st month flea preventive and microchip.



Cats who must be sterilized - \$130; price includes: veterinary exam, first set of vaccines, rabies vaccine, FIV/Leukemia test, fecal exam, pre-anesthetic blood work, spay/neuter, 1st month flea preventive and microchip.

Dogs arriving at Shelter already sterilized - \$100; price includes: veterinary exam, first set of vaccines, rabies vaccine, heartworm test, fecal exam, first month flea preventive and microchip.

Cats arriving at Shelter already sterilized - \$100; price includes: veterinary exam, first set of vaccines, rabies vaccine, FIV/Leukemia test, fecal exam, first month flea preventive and microchip.



BUDGET

Impact of the 2006 General Assembly Actions on Norfolk's Budget. The unprecedented length of the 2006 General Assembly Session left local governments in the difficult situation of developing FY 2007 budgets without definitive figures for state aide. Norfolk used Governor Warner's introduced budget as the basis for our budget development.

The Governor has now signed the biennial budget and the City has a clearer picture of the impact of the General Assembly actions. Both Norfolk Public Schools (NPS) and the Office of the Commonwealth Attorney benefited from the General Assembly actions. NPS will receive \$466,000 more in state aide than currently reflected in their approved budget. The Commonwealth Attorney will receive five additional Commonwealth Attorney I positions to assist in office operations. These positions are eligible for up to \$210,000 of state reimbursements.

Some issues of concern include HB 599 (public safety) funding and funding for Human Services' "Fee Day Care" operations. While the General Assembly provided a provision for localities to receive no less than their FY 2006 amount of HB 599 funding, this provision also ties the "level funding" to the level of violent reported crimes. The impact on Norfolk remains unclear. The City will receive decreased State child care funding of \$500,000.

CHRYSLER MUSEUM

The Chrysler's Collection Continues to Grow. The Chrysler recently acquired an extraordinary 19th-century British narrative painting – *Home. Home* was created in 1855 by Sir Joseph Noel Paton, one of the leading British Victorian painters and a principal member of the Pre-Raphaelite movement in Scotland. Paton's subject was inspired by contemporary history—the Crimean War. As the British press recorded, conditions at the front were brutal, many men were killed or wounded, and for months Britain's soldiers were hungry, clothed in rags, and short of supplies. By 1856 the Russians had been driven out of the Turkish territory of Moldavia, but the cost of victory in British lives was extremely high.

Paton depicts a Scottish soldier's reunion with his family upon his return from the Crimea. The battle-weary soldier has just slumped in a chair as his wife and mother, unaware until now of his fate, rush forward to embrace him. His wife had been reading his letters and mending clothes: a spool of thread has fallen from her lap to the floor. His mother had been reading the Bible on the table at right; her glasses lay forgotten on it.

The soldier's uniform identifies him as a corporal in the 1st Battalion of the Scots Fusilier Guards, and a Crimean Medal, with its characteristic three clasps, is pinned to his red tunic. The soldier has suffered serious wounds: his head is heavily bandaged, and the pinned-up sleeve of his cloak reveals that he has lost an arm in battle. His walking stick rests at his feet, along with a Russian helmet, a grizzly battle souvenir. The couple's baby slumbers in the cradle placed beneath the clock.

Home represents a major, early triumph in Paton's career. He first showed it at Buckingham Palace in April 1856, where Queen Victoria saw it. A few weeks later he exhibited it at the Royal Academy: it was his first submission there. Newspaper and journal reviewers unanimously praised the painting, and the writer John Ruskin described it as a "most pathetic and precious picture." Queen Victoria referred to it in her journal as the most exciting picture in the exhibition. Soon after, she commissioned Paton to paint a

slightly smaller replica of it, which is now in the Queen's Collection at Buckingham Palace. Paton's *Home* is currently on view in the Museum's 19th-century Academic Gallery. *Jeff Harrison, Chief Curator*

College Students Make the Chrysler Their Own. Check out the Museum's cool new program for young adults! The Young Enthusiasts Advisory Board is a group of volunteers from local colleges which meets to organize programs to engage the young adult, student audience. Since its formation in September 2005, the Young Enthusiasts Board has held three events attracting new visitors to unique programs that combine a relaxed social atmosphere with art-related activities and gallery tours. Join the Young Enthusiasts on the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. as they provide an informal evening of refreshments, socializing, hands-on activities, and visiting the galleries. The Young Enthusiasts Advisory Board meets once a month and is open to anyone interested in participating. For more information, please contact Melissa Ball at 333-6298 or mball@chrysler.org.

CITY COUNCIL

RECENT CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

Ceremonial Matters

- President Fraim read and presented a proclamation to Dr. Charles E. Horton, Sr., and extended thanks and appreciation for over forty years of service to the City of Norfolk. Dr. Horton, founder of Physicians for Peace, was accompanied by his family, Physicians for Peace Staff and Board of Trustees, and several friends.
- President Fraim read and presented a proclamation to the Ocean View Presbyterian Church in recognition of their Loaves and Fishes Ministry. The proclamation was accepted by Jim Miller.
- President Fraim read and presented a proclamation to Investigator Jamel Davis, recognizing him as the 2005 recipient of the Commonwealth of Public Safety Medal of Valor.
- President Fraim recognized a group of students from the summer enrichment camp sponsored by Oakmont North Family Investment Center.
- Acting President Riddick presented John Deuel with the William H. Savedge, III Environmental Achievement Award and extended thanks and appreciation for his service to the City of Norfolk.

Actions

- Public hearing and consideration of application of the Salvation Army for a change of zoning from C-2 (Corridor Commercial) District and I-2 (Light Industrial)
 District to Conditional IN-1 (Institutional) District on property located at 5513-5517
 Raby Road.
 - ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective July 18, 2006.
- PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of application of George Powell to change the land use from Commercial/Office to Medium Density Residential and to change the zoning from C-2 (Corridor Commercial) to Conditional R-11 (Moderate Density Multiple-Family) District on property located at 851 & 859 Norview Avenue. ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective July 18, 2006.
- An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to rezone property located at 851 and 859 Norview Avenue from C-2 (Corridor Commercial) to Conditional R-11 (Multiple-Family Residential)," was introduced in writing and read by its title. ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective July 18, 2006.
- PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of application of The Potters House Christian Fellowship Church, for a change of zoning from C-2 (Corridor Commercial) District to Conditional IN-1 (Institutional) District on property located at 1121-1129 E. Little Creek Road.
 ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective July 18, 2006.
- Consideration of an ordinance approving the purchase of a certain parcel of property owned by the Union Mission; authorizing the City Manager to negotiate an agreement in substantial conformity with the terms and conditions of purchase and sale agreement; authorizing the expenditure of a sum of up to \$3,169,000 for such purpose from funds heretofore appropriated; and authorizing the conveyance of certain property owned by the City of Norfolk to TUM-II, LLC, for such purpose," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

 ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective August 11, 2006.
- Ordinance granting a Special Exception to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption on property located at 5770 Chesapeake Boulevard," was introduced in writing and read by its title.
 - ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was not approved
- Ordinance granting a Special Exception to permit the operation of a commercial drive-through facility on property located at 150 Granby Street," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective July 11, 2006.

- Ordinance granting a Special Exception to permit the operation of a commercial drive-through facility on property located on the West Side of Newtown Road, adjacent to US I-264," was introduced in writing and read by its title.
 ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective July 11, 2006.
- Ordinance granting a Special Exception to permit the operation of an eating and drinking establishment on property located at 9583 Shore Drive," was introduced in writing and read by its title.
 ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective July 11, 2006.
- Ordinance permitting Harbor Heights Land, L.C. to encroach into the right of way at 121 College Place, 123 College Place, and 260 Boush Street," was introduced in writing and read by its title.
 ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective July 11, 2006.
- Ordinance approving the conveyance to the City of Norfolk by Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority of a certain parcel of property described as "area hereby dedicated to the City of Norfolk, area = 2583 square feet or (0.059 acre)" on that certain plat entitled, "Plat showing right-of-way dedication for Roberts Road and Cary Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia, for Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority.
 - ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective July 11, 2006.
- Ordinance appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of \$10,571,544 from the Commonwealth of Virginia for the fiscal year 2007 Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families Funds Pool. Appropriating \$3,803,980 in local matching funds from the Norfolk Department of Human Services and the School Board and \$100,000 in recovered funds for the fiscal year 2007 CSA Funds Pool and Medicaid programs," will be introduced in writing and read by its title. ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective July 1, 2006.
- Ordinance appropriating \$37,500 from the Commonwealth of Virginia, State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families, for the Norfolk Interagency Consortium Administration Program and authorizing the expenditure of \$300,000 in local matching funds for the program for the fiscal year 2007, and authorizing the City Manager to employ four persons in the status of special project employees.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective July 1, 2006.

- Ordinance to authorize and regulate the operation of electric golf carts by Old Dominion University.
 - ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective July 11, 2006.
 - Ordinance authorizing the conveyance to Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority those certain parcels of property described as Lots 34 and 35 in Block 42, and Lots 1, 2, 36 and 37 in Block 43, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "East Ocean View, Plat A, Section No. 2"," was introduced in writing and read by its title. ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective September 15, 2006.
 - Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$14,250,000 in General Obligation Bonds by the City of Norfolk to finance wastewater system capital improvements," was introduced in writing and read by its title.
 ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective August 15, 2006.
 - Ordinance accepting and appropriating the sum of \$55,708 from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Emergency Management to purchase equipment and satellite phones to provide communication during disasters for the office of Emergency Preparedness and Response," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective August 15, 2006.

Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 17.1-24 of the Norfolk City Code, 1979, SO AS TO allow the Department of Fire-Rescue to charge fees for providing certain records as authorized under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act," was introduced and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was adopted, effective August 15, 2006.

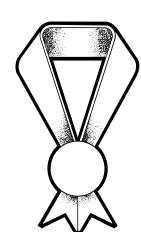
COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Wins a Second Telly Award for Excellence in Broadcasting. In its second year of production, Norfolk News Now has garnered a national Telly award for excellence in local broadcasting.

"This is really an award for the communication professionals citywide because their press releases and events are what comprise each episode," said Broadcast Manager Bret Hillard.

Norfolk News Now is a monthly production hosted by former WVEC anchor and now Sheriff's office employee Bonita Harris.

"When I started the job, I quickly realized that there is great on-air talent spread throughout the city. Bonita is a true news pro who gives her time to make this production what is."



The Telly Awards was founded in 1978 by David E. Carter, a past Emmy and Clio award winner, to honor excellence in local, regional and cable TV commercials. Non-broadcast video and TV program categories were soon added.

Today, the Telly is one of the most sought-after awards by industry leaders, from large international firms to local production companies and ad agencies.

Production Assistant Michelle Lee in the Department of Communications contributes to the success of the programming through script-writing and other functions that make the show run smoothly.

It takes about a week end-to-end to produce one episode of Norfolk News Now. From story research/selection to final video editing, an amazing amount of hours are poured into the production.

Based on the web stream hits, Norfolk News Now and Norfolk City Council are the most popular video-on-demand web streams with an average of 120 plays per day across the site.

City's Summer Interns Learn the Art of PSAs. Staff members from the Department of Communications spent the month of July working on an innovative project geared toward inspiring creativity and teamwork in young people in Norfolk.

Participants in the City's pre-employment Summer Earn and Learn program got a lesson on the creation and production of public service announcement. Director Terry Bishirjian, Public Relations Specialist Latarsha Gatlin and summer intern Kevin Monroe worked together to develop a four-day curriculum for the nearly 40 students who were a part of this year's program.

Split into two groups of 20 kids each, Gatlin and Monroe spent a week with each group teaching the students about the purpose of public service announcements, how to choose a topic, storyboarding and picking a location.

The kids were put in groups of four and worked together to come up with their PSA idea. The PSAs were limited to being one minute and 30 seconds in length.

On the third day of the workshop, each group stood up before the room and gave a "pitch" telling the concept of their PSA idea, what materials would be needed for the PSA and how they worked together as a team. All the kids voted and the team and idea that received the most votes would be the one Communications would produce.

The interns came up with a wide variety of PSA ideas, covering such topics as goal-setting, suicide prevention, drug abuse and gang activity. Communications has shot PSAs on harassment, avoiding teen pregnancy and the ramifications of alcohol abuse.

FIRE RESCUE

Grant Funding Received For Communications Equipment For Joint Operations Trailer. The Commonwealth of Virginia has awarded homeland security grant funding to the City of Norfolk, \$100,000 of which



has been earmarked to outfit the joint operations trailer with 800 MHz radios and wireless/satellite communications capabilities. Chief Worley is currently working with staff from Information Technology to procure and install this equipment by the end of this year.

Inspection/Safety Programs Enhance Norfolk Fire Rescue Readiness. Norfolk Fire-Rescue has successfully completed a bi-annual emergency medical service (EMS) inspection conducted by the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services (VOEMS). In Virginia, VOEMS is the licensing agency for EMS systems statewide. During their visit to Norfolk, representatives of VOEMS inspected the condition and cleanliness of all licensed ambulances and fire trucks and the medical equipment carried therein, evaluated the NFR quality assurance program, and reviewed the incident reporting system and other required agency records. The inspectors were impressed with the condition of the equipment and the professionalism displayed by the NFR members who were on duty during the inspection. Based on the success of the inspection, Norfolk's EMS agency license has been renewed until 2008.

Norfolk Fire-Rescue also participated in a national stand-down for firefighter safety June 26 -28. This event, which is in its second year, is initiated by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and endorsed by the Department of Homeland Security/United States Fire Administration. The process is similar to methods used by the military to correct issues identified as risks within its ranks. This year, the program focused on emergency vehicle safety. Statistics show that 25 percent of firefighter line-of-duty deaths occur while responding to or returning from fires. During the stand-down, all non-essential activities were cancelled and firefighters and officers underwent training on safe driving techniques. They also reviewed case studies on actual incidents, and reviewed policies on operating emergency vehicles and handling emergency responses on the Interstate system.

On a typical day, NFR handles more than 100 emergencies. Emergencies that occur on the Interstate system are among the most hazardous faced by our firefighters. The revised policies implemented by the department, along with the opportunity for firefighters to reflect on the hazards associated with emergency response, should go a long way in ensuring that our firefighters and the public they serve remain safe.

Norfolk Fire-Rescue Commended for Work in Study. The Department of Fire-Rescue was chosen to participate in a national research trial along with Eastern Virginia Medical School, the Shock Trauma Center at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, and approximately 20 other hospitals and EMS systems nationwide. The Polyheme clinical study, which is designed to determine the effectiveness of a hemoglobin based oxygen carrier system, was closed by researchers to further patient enrollment after nearly 18 months in the City of Norfolk on June 26, 2006. Dr. Leonard Weireter, the chief local researcher and director of the Shock Trauma Center at Norfolk General has commended NFR participation in the study.

Northfield Laboratories, the manufacturer of Polyheme, implemented the study as a required step to gain approval of the product by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Polyheme will likely be the first field clinical trial to be completed involving a hemoglobin based oxygen carrier that is projected to significantly impact pre-hospital trauma care in the future and provide additional options to paramedics when treating the most significantly injured patients. The military is also interested in finding a suitable blood substitute for treating soldiers on the battlefield. Northfield Labs anticipates an analysis of the key endpoints of the study this fall, which will then be made available to us at that time.

HUMAN SERVICES

Kinship Care Conference – "In the Best Interest of the Child". Experts in the field of social welfare policy and practice will lead a thought provoking conference examining some of the challenges faced by kinship caregivers when raising a second family. Information, tools, and community resources will be provided to better equip grandparents and caregivers for coping with the often difficult task of raising today's youth. Day Care provided for children ages 5-12. Please indicate the number of children when registering.

September 9, 2006 – 8:30 am – 4:00 pm (Breakfast & Lunch Provided)

I. C. Norcom High School 1801 London Blvd.

Portsmouth, VA 23704

For more information, contact Clifford or Suzette at (757) 393-0570 or Flora Harris (NSU) at (757) 823-2759.



Sponsored by KinCare Connection (Hampton Roads Regional Task Force on Kinship Care), Norfolk State University's School of Social Work, Isle of Wight Department of Social Services and VISSTA.

Foster/Adoptive Training Orientation Sessions. The Norfolk Department of Human Services is seeking foster and adoptive families to provide children in crisis with a warm, stable, and loving home. Our curriculum for pre-service foster parent training incorporates both foster and adoptive instruction, so that all parents receive dual certification. The state-approved P.R.I.D.E. (Parent Resources for Information, Development, & Education) training program is a model of practices, geared toward five competencies:

- Protecting and nurturing children
- Meeting children's developmental needs and addressing development delays
- Supporting relationships between children and their families
- Helping children to develop safe and nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime

• Working as a member of a professional team

If you have ever considered becoming a foster parent or adopting a child, please contact **Nancy Brock, Resource Development Team Coordinator, at 757-664-6079**. Orientation sessions will be offered August 31, September 14, and November 30. For additional information about foster and adoptive parenting visit us online at www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/fostercare.asp

Water Bill Woes? Norfolk's LIFELINE Can Help. The Lifeline Program was initiated by the City of Norfolk in 1999 to help Norfolk citizens avoid disruption in water services. Lifeline offers financial assistance to low-income senior citizens, families and individuals to provide relief from the combined services utility bill. The Norfolk Department of Human Services and the Norfolk Department of Utilities work together to provide Lifeline information and assistance.

Eligible residents may receive:

- **Bill Assistance** Maximum annual assistance of \$270 in the form of a non-refundable payment to Hampton Roads Utility Billing Service (HRUBS) in your behalf.
- **Plumbing Repairs Assistance** Maximum annual assistance of \$500 for plumbing repairs to licensed plumbers on behalf of owner occupants.

Lifeline applications are available at the Department of Human Services, HRSD, and at the Department of Utilities, or you may request an application by mail. Completed applications may be returned by mail or in person to the Department of Utilities or any Department of Human Services location.

For eligibility guidelines or to request an application call 664-6035 or 664-6311 or visit www.norfolk.gov/HumanServices/PDFFiles/Lifeline%20Factsheet.pdf.

Norfolk's Workforce Development Center Opens at Wards Corner. The new Norfolk Workforce Development Center opened to the public in early April. The 89,000 square foot facility, formerly Ames Department Store, has been dramatically transformed. The interior is warm and vibrant, featuring a large skylight in the main lobby, stylish and comfortable furnishings, a specially designed childcare center and leading edge technology.

The Workforce Development Center's mission is to promote employment throughout the City of Norfolk and encourage self-sufficiency among its residents by providing convenient, centralized access to programs and services administered by the Department of Human Services, other city departments and key community partners:

Service or Program	Department/Organization
Intake - Benefits Processing (Medicare, TANF, Lifeline, etc.)	Human Services
Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW)	Human Services
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Human Services
Customer Service Center	Human Services
Employment Training for the Mentally Disabled	Eggleston Services
Health and Dental Clinics	Public Health
Childcare Assistance	The Planning Council
Conference and Training Room Reservations	Neighborhood Preservation, Bureau of Community Relations
Referrals for Adult Basic Education and GED's	Virginia Tidewater Consortium
VIEW and Food Stamp Employment and Training-FSET	Empowerment 2010

Conference and training rooms are available for use by community organizations and other City departments. For reservations contact James McCoy at 664-6440.

Norfolk Workforce Development Center 201 East Little Creek Road (Wards Corner, next to Kroger) Norfolk, VA 23510 (757) 664-6000 www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/workforce.asp

Human Services Expands TV Programming. In an effort to publicize agency programs, events, and to increase public discourse of important social issues, the Norfolk Department of Human Services has expanded its programming for *Human Services Forum*. Originally,

the half hour TV48 television show was taped once a month and aired daily. Programming has been doubled: two shows will be taped per month and will run for two weeks each.

The additional programming has already provided increased exposure for the new Norfolk Workforce Development Center and will allow greater opportunity to explore the social issues that impact our community, from foster care, adoption and kinship care to children's medical coverage and services for our senior citizens.

The first two week broadcast of the show featured the topics of Child & Adult Literacy and Alternatives to Juvenile Detention. Theresa Wanser, Family Place Coordinator for the Norfolk Public Library and Christine Antonucci, Executive Director for the Tidewater Literacy Council discussed programs and resources that aim to curb illiteracy in children and adults. Host Jan Callaghan also spoke with Antoine Ensley,

Superintendent for the Norfolk Juvenile Detention Center and Cliff Cabarras, Child Facility Administrator about positive alternative approaches to help troubled youths who may otherwise serve time in detention.

The second program focused on the new federal requirement to provide documented proof of U.S. citizenship for Medicaid eligibility. Tom Steinhauser, State Director for Benefit Programs and Karen Packer, a policy expert with the Department of Medical Assistance Services, discussed the



hardship these new rules may impose on the elderly and what's being done to simplify the process. John Skirven, Executive Director of Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, joined the discussion with practical information on where citizens can get assistance in the local community.

Watch *Human Services Forum* on TV 48 daily at 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. and online at www.norfolk.gov/tv48.

Norfolk Human Services Unveils New Web Design. The Norfolk Department of Human Service's web pages on the City of Norfolk's website have undergone a complete redesign. The site now features new graphics, improved content, and easier navigation for residents seeking access to programs and services administered by the Department of Human Services.

The new site is organized more intuitively for the Internet novice with concise explanations of each of the agency's divisions, units and programs. This should considerably decrease the amount of time that citizens spend in search of the correct point of contact, a crucial factor during a time of need.

Visit the Department of Human Services at www.norfolk.gov/HumanServices.

Easing the Transition. The May 15 enrollment deadline and the foregoing confusion over Medicate Part D tested their mettle but as the following statistics show, our Center for Aging staff prove that, without a doubt, hard work reaps its own reward. Congratulations!

The Center for Aging Staff:

- Trained 300 other counselors
- Reached 6100+ people one-on-one
- Enrolled 3000+ in Medicare Part D
- Enrolled over 2000 in extra help
- Helped another 3000+ dual eligible (Medicare and Medicaid) through timely Medicaid applications.
- Took 566 new and refill applications for the Pharmacy Connection

On the Saturday before the deadline we served over 50 people. On the last day we handled 900 telephone calls and 10 walk-ins per hour.

When we started the Center for Aging we knew that we could do a better job than as individual organizations. We reached over 5% of all the seniors in our region since October and nearly 10% of the seniors in Norfolk. The help we gave will be worth over \$3 million in savings every year for as long as these people live. That's \$3 million they can spend on the other things they need in their lives.

And the Winners Are... the more than 5300 individuals and families in Virginia who took advantage of free income tax preparation services, received over \$3 million in Earned Income Tax Credit refunds in Tax Year 2005. The winners are also the communities where these folks live and work, since they are spending this money at home.

Regionally, the South Hampton Roads EITC Coalition finished its second season with notable results: Norfolk, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach supported 13 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites during the 2006 tax filing season. 801 returns were prepared at these sites, a 25% increase over 2005, for a total of \$697,522 in Earned Income Tax Credit. The IRS reports that, this year in Norfolk alone, nearly four times as many EITC returns were filed at EITC designated Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VIA) sites than in 2005.

A total of \$209,452 in EITC dollars went to Norfolk taxpayers, up from last year's total of \$57,609 with an average refund of \$1890 [statewide], money that may have not been realized without SHREITC's solid and growing corps of volunteers.

For additional information about the South Hampton Roads EITC Coalition's goals and outcomes visit www.shreitc.com or www.irs.gov/eitc.

LIBRARIES

Need Accurate Homework Information 24 hours a day/7 days a week?

Check us out! www.npl.lib.va.us

Main Library-Kirn Memorial Library

301 E. City Hall Avenue Norfolk, VA 23510 757-664-4323

Branches

Blyden Branch

879 Princess Anne 441-2852

Horace Downing

555 E. Liberty Street 441-1968

Janaf Branch

124 Janaf Shopping Center 441-2843

Jordan-Newby Branch

961 Park Avenue 441-2843

Lafayette Branch

1610 Cromwell Drive 441-2842

Larchmont Branch

6525 Hampton Blvd. 441-5335

Little Creek Branch

7853 Tarpon Place (off Little Creek Road./one block from Azalea Garden Rd) 441-1751

Park Place Branch

620 W. 29th Street 664-7330



Pretlow Branch

120 Balview 441-1750

Van Wyck Branch

1368 DeBree Avenue 441-2844

Barron F. Black Homework Center

6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive 441-5806

Outreach Vehicles

Bookmobile: 858-2088 Treasure Truck: 441-1629

NAUTICUS

The National Maritime Center to host its Fourth Annual "Treasures of the Sea" Gala. The National Maritime Center (TNMC) will host its Fourth Annual "*Treasures of the Sea*" Gala, on Friday, September 15, 2006, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at Nauticus. All proceeds from this event benefit the educational programs and facilities at The National Maritime Center, which include Nauticus, the USS *Wisconsin*, The Hampton Roads Naval Museum and NOAA.

This unique black-tie event will include live entertainment as well as a silent auction and a live auction featuring items donated from local businesses. The live auction will feature many "treasures" to bid on, including a cruise for two in the penthouse suite on a Carnival ship from Miami, a 7-day cruise for two on one of Holland America's award-winning vessels, a week at a great getaway house in Nantucket, a private yacht charter with a dinner catered by a local chef, a slip for your boat in our new marina for a year, luxury suites at the Baltimore Ravens and Washington Wizards games, and private golf lessons by a PGA professional. There will also be catered food and an open bar. Ticket price is \$150 per guest.

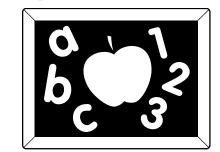
TNMC is currently seeking corporate sponsors for the event. Sponsorship packages range from the "Bronze Sponsor" at \$1,000 to the "Title Sponsor" at \$15,000. Each package comes with special gifts for the donors, family memberships to Nauticus, VIP treatment at the Gala including a personal wait staff assigned to his or her table, and much more!

Donations are also being sought for the silent and live auctions. All donations will be recognized in the Fourth Annual "*Treasures of the Sea*" Gala program book, which will be distributed to the more than 400 expected attendees.

To donate a gift item or for more information, please contact Susan Pickworth at (757) 664-1014.

NOAA Teacher at Sea. My name is Susie Hill, and I am an education specialist with Nauticus, the National Maritime Center. I have been selected to participate in the NOAA

Teacher at Sea Program this upcoming fall. This program is a wonderful opportunity for teachers to get a true feel of what it's like to be out on the vast oceans assessing the populations of different aquatic species to mapping the deep sea floor. I will be aboard one of NOAA's research vessels shadowing the scientists as they conduct their research. From this trip, I will be able to bring this valuable information back to the classroom and create



curriculum to share with local students and teachers as they visit Nauticus. To learn how you can participate in the NOAA Teacher at Sea Program, visit their website at http://teacheratsea.noaa.gov.

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

Update on Building Permit Activity. An evaluation of the total number of permit applications indicates a slight decrease from the same time period last year (1,044 versus 1,080); however, it is anticipated that applications will increase in October consistent with three year trend data of 1,250 permits in 2004 and 1,330 permits in 2005. Even with the slight dip in permit activity, inspection activity has remained at a break-neck pace. The Division conducted 2,920 inspections during the month of July with the majority of the calls for inspections being achieved within 24-hours, but no more than 48-hours.

With regard to outstanding plans, we have two categories of plans within the permitting process. The first is single family and duplex residential plans. The recent hire of new staff has assisted in reducing the backlog of plans under review. As of this date, there are only twelve-(12) plans remaining for review in this category. Of those twelve-(12) plans, over half have come in within the past eight-(8) days. All remaining plans should be signed-off next week.

The remaining category is commercial plans and those plans which require modification. This grouping has 41 plans that are currently in various stages of review. The average total review time of these plans is 56 days. This average is inflated when you take into account that seven-(7) of the plans in this category are an exception to the normal time due to the complexity of the particular projects. These seven-(7) plans include projects that are awaiting tax abatement applications, site review or the applicant needs to make corrections to the plans. It should be noted that these plans do not reflect activities of permit staff.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS

Streetscape Project for West Freemason Street and Granby Street Set to Begin. Work to install a new streetscape along the 100 block of West Freemason Street between Boush

and Granby will begin at the end of July. This project, similar to other streetscape projects in downtown, is designed in accordance with the City's Downtown Streetscape Standards.

The project includes replacement of existing brick sidewalks, installation of streetlights and landscaping. Public Works has coordinated with the developer of 388 Boush to install streetscapes along the Freemason Street façade of the condominiums. Bids for a similar project in the 400 block of Granby Street between Freemason and Charlotte will be opened later this month. Weather permitting; both projects will be completed in early 2007.

Virginia Beach Boulevard Safety and Beautification Improvement Project. The Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA), in coordination with the City's Department of Public Works, will oversee design of safety and beautification improvements for Virginia Beach Boulevard from Ballentine to Tidewater Drive. Under study are relocation of utilities, realignment of the roadway and streetscape. A search for a consultant is underway.

At the intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Ballentine, the under grounding work has begun and is scheduled to be completed by December of this year. All utility poles and overhead wires will be removed and new wiring will be installed underground at the intersection continuing west to Godfrey

NORFOLK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Norfolk Recycling Participation on the Rise. There are 58,000 customers participating in the City's curbside recycling program which replaced the 18-gallon blue bins with 90-gallon blue bins. Recent data shows that since the automated program was instituted in April 2004, participation rates across the City have substantially increased.

The City's recycling rate in FY 06 was 52% (11,549 tons of recyclable material). Set out rates in April, May and June of 2006 averaged 55%, the highest three month average in history. Through targeted publicity and education, staff expects the upsurge in participation to continue.

Adopt Groups Help Keep Norfolk Beautiful! Keep Norfolk Beautiful would like to thank those groups that participate in the Adopt-A-Spot/Street program for their continued efforts to *Keep Norfolk Beautiful*. The cleanliness and beautification of our city is everyone's responsibility. Since July, 2005, the Adopt-A-Spot groups have collected over **11,000 pounds** of trash from areas throughout the city! It is efforts like this that help *Keep Norfolk Beautiful*.

If there has been a change with your group (leadership, contact information, etc.) or if you are no longer interested in maintaining your site, please let us know so we can update our information and accommodate new groups. If you need to report a clean-up,

need supplies, have a question or need any support from our office, please contact the Adopt Coordinator, Nicole Dutil (441-1347, <u>nicole.dutil@norfolk.gov</u>).

REMINDER: Report Forms need to be filled out and returned to us after each cleaning. Remember, all groups need to complete at least 4 clean-ups per year. You can mail or fax the form to our office, or you can email the information to nicole.dutil@norfolk.gov.

See a site or street that could use some TLC? Contact Nicole Dutil (441-1347, nicole.dutil@norfolk.gov) and help *Keep Norfolk Beautiful*!

Bring Recycling to Your Community Event! Having a community picnic? A talent show? A festival? Invite The Clean Stream Recycling System! Keep Norfolk Beautiful will loan out the recycling receptacles, and provide bags, for community organizations coordinating events in Norfolk.

Collection services are not provided. Bags of cans and bottles can be taken to the nearest 24-hour recycling drop-off center, or added to residential recycling carts.

To arrange recycling for your event, contact Nicole Dutil (441-1347, nicole.dutil@norfolk.gov).

Briefing to City Council

- 15,000 Volunteers engaged
- 100,000 Volunteer hours contributed
- 5,000 Students reached with environmental education outreach and field trips. We provide programs to all grade levels, and target the 3rd through 5th grade for SOL attainment.
- 13,000 More households recycling with 52 percent set out rate, a 50% increase
- Over 18,000 Tons recycled in past year—an increase of 4,000 tons
- Cost-Benefit: For every one dollar of city funding provided NEC's activities result in almost five dollars in benefits through volunteer work and additional donations.
- Litter: The City is staying clean by national standards. A 1.7 out of 4 on Keep America Beautiful's Litter Index scale means "Slightly Littered" and is under the national average among over 500 other municipalities.
- Began marketing outreach programs under "Keep Norfolk Beautiful" which better engages our citizens in our stewardship programs.
- For three years in a row, NEC has received the "President's Circle Award" from the Keep America Beautiful organization.

Willie Barnes, Vice President, Friends of Norfolk's Environment, Inc. (FONE)

• The Friends of Norfolk's Environment, or FONE, is a 501-C-3 non-profit organization founded in 1999 and endorsed by City Council to provide support for

- the programs and project of the Norfolk Environmental Commission and the Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center.
- To date, FONE has raised over \$135,000 for environmental education and for special projects such as the construction of a green roof on the Hanbury Evans Building and enhancement of a Knitting Mill Creek wetland.
- In fulfilling its role to "lead citizens toward environmental stewardship", the NEC has realized the need for a larger improved facility at its current location at Lafayette Park. Over the past two years, we have brought together many stakeholders to develop a vision for a facility that will provide improved space for educational activities and an attractive hub for Park & Zoo programs. More significantly, this facility and the process to design it will help establish Norfolk as a leader of sustainable building in Hampton Roads. At the NEC's request, FONE has taken the lead in raising the resources to make this vision a reality.
- We have attracted the support of local civic and fraternal organizations and businesses that have already committed over 20,000 thousand dollars. The project has also sparked the interest of the architectural and building community because of its green design. The plan calls for this building to attain the highest level of national green building standards and be self energy sustaining and possibly a net energy exporter.

NORFOLK NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK (NNN)

Norfolk's Neighborhood Network, TV48, Breaks New Ground in Coverage of City Events and Content Distribution. Content News: The triple-N doubling coverage of city council meetings to include the 1st and 4th Tuesday formal meetings. Last year only the 4th Tuesday formal meetings were covered. All meetings will remain tape-delayed for FY '07 and video on demand web streams will be available to allow anyone to view from their computer on their schedule. Content Delivery News: In other news, NNN is now available to anyone in the world with internet access. Yes, TV-48 has grown beyond the traditional cable boundaries of Cox Cable in Norfolk. Now, our constituents, citizens, employees and anyone who is interested in Norfolk who lives beyond city boundaries – or is traveling – have the opportunity to watch Norfolk's Neighborhood Network on their computer by going to http://wmstreaming.whro.org/norfolktv anytime day or night.

PACE SUPPORT SERVICES

June 16, 2006 MINUTES

Marty introduced the City's Safety Officer, Reggie Goble, who explained what he and his staff do for City workers and the public in general. Among other tasks:

- Oversee about \$7 million in payments yearly for disabled City workers. There have been \$30 million in payments since 1977 on all claims. Office verifies injuries, and if person will not be able to come back to job within 12 months, as law allows, will assist getting all possible benefits if person will be unable to return to work. Diane Kleiger is the administrator to talk to about any of these issues.
- Survey all City buildings for safety and health issues. This includes all those owned by, rented by, or having any City worker working in.
- Assess indoor air quality upon request
- Seeks solutions to whatever is wrong
- Other issues, like sidewalks, signs, etc.

Reggie answered a number of questions concerning specific buildings, and urged anyone with concerns to contact him at any time.

Marty Again reiterated the meeting schedule as follows:

- By popular agreement, PSSC meetings will continue to be held the **third Friday** of each month. They will begin at **10:30** at the **Workforce Development Center.** The change in time is to accommodate those who attend the Chief's meeting every first and third Fridays.
- Sector reports will be as follows:

First Patrol Sectors in January and July Second Patrol Sectors in March and September Third Patrol Sectors in May and November

Round Table Updates and Announcements:

- Sector Reports Marty asked that Sector reports be sent to her electronically either before or right after the meeting at which they are presented. Her e-mail is Martha.raiss@norfolk.gov. She will then send them to all the PSSC members. Also, any Lt. or officer who wants a copy of the suggested report format should let he know so she can send it.
- **Probation and Parole** They are still hoping to get space at the Workforce Development Center. Contact James McCoy at 664-6440. also, they would like to do a ride-along with the police in East Ocean View. Contact Lt. Mitchell at 664-6912.
- **Shelter Plus Care** With newest grant, 3 more homeless have been placed in permanent housing, with the goal to 12. There are now 48 formerly homeless individuals now in stable housing thanks to these grants.

- 1st Gold Events downtown are keeping them busy! So far all is going smoothly.
- 3rd Gold NEAT teams have been operating, especially on Alexander St. and Wellington Oaks.
- 2nd Red Dealing with some serious issues having to do with the homeless in Ocean View.
- 1st Blue No specific issues to report
- 3rd Blue Some problems with the homeless and begging in Park Place and Lambert's Point
- 3rd Red Crime stats are down. They have been concentrating heavily in the 800 block of 38th St. and also the 40th St. area.
- **Human Services** Cooling assistance information was distributed. Mickey Ann requested more copies for the libraries.
- **Property Maintenance** Clarence Satchell talked about the "Clean Streets for Safe Streets" initiative in Denby Park on May 13. this is part of a 4-neighbohrood effort, which includes Park Place (April 29), Lindenwood/Cottage Heights/Barraud Park (May 6), and finally the Huntersville area (August 12). The idea is to use these events, which include a community clean-up and a celebration afterwards, as a kick-off for a long-term effort to build leadership in these neighborhoods for environmental issues. John Deuel is taking the lead with this training.
- **Libraries** Mickey Ann announced that the new Pretlow branch, due to open in October '07, seems to be on schedule. After the framing is up, she'd like to see about having a meeting in the area and give us a tour. Funding is in place for the study of a new Downtown library, to be joint with TCC and as much as 200,000 square feet. They are looking for steering committee members to help with this effort. The Library system had the funding now to be able to put 20-30 PC's in every branch library, and 60-80 in Kirn. Finally, the system is really targeting early literacy, and to that end, are establishing Kid Zones in every branch
- World Changers and related programs Marty reported that over the next 2 weeks, approximately 70 homes will receive extensive work though both Catholic Heart Work Camp (June 19-22) and World Changers (June 26-30). Another group will address tow more houses the week of July 10.

• National Night Out – This year's special event will be a parade and picnic in the honored neighborhood of Titustown on August 1, starting at 5:00. All are invited to participate. A flier is attached to these minutes.

PROJECT UPDATES

Pretlow Library Update. Work continues on the replacement of the Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library in Ocean View. Project manager Sam Russo, Architect III, worked with the Department of Libraries for several months to program the new 30,000 square

foot facility. According to Russo, the first floor will include a teen room, an adult collections area, a program/meeting room, and a public computer area. The second floor will serve as a children's zone. "The zone will provide a children's information desk, computer, a program room, a playscape, and stroller parking.

Steel construction is underway at the site of the new Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library in Ocean View. Crews are working 10-12 hours each day to erect approximately 150 tons of structured steel by mid-August. Construction of the 30,000 square foot library is scheduled to be complete in the summer of 2007. A grand opening will take place in the fall of 2007.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Rosemont Middle School Receives Gift from Food Lion. With the help of a generous gift in the amount of \$3,248.00 from the Food Lion Charitable Foundation, Rosemont Middle School will replace obsolete computers in its media center this year.

"We are appreciative of the support we have received with this Food Lion gift," said Principal Jeanne Kruger. "Adding three new computers in our media center will provide our students and parents the technology to support learning, communicate, and access information in our drive towards becoming a world-class school in a world-class school system. Rosemont Middle School anticipates another year of positive partnering with Food Lion."

Established in 2001, the Food Lion Charitable Foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to improving the communities in which Food Lion operates. The Foundation places an emphasis on the support of primary and secondary education, feeding the hungry, and organizations that enhance the quality of life in Food Lion's local communities.

Food Lion LLC is a subsidiary of Brussels-based Delhaize Group (NYSE: DEG). Food Lion LLC operates approximately 1,300 supermarkets, either directly or through affiliated entities, under the names of Food Lion, Bloom, Bottom Dollar Food, Harveys and Reid's. These stores meet local customer needs and preferences for the freshest and best quality products. Food Lion LLC employs approximately 73,000 associates in 11 Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states.

PUBLIC WORKS

City Storm Water Crews Work to Prevent Localized Flooding. The Department of Public Works Environmental Storm Water Management Division, in an effort to minimize localized flooding, is working throughout the City this summer to clear stoppages and remove debris from the storm water drainage system. This action is required because significant rain events, such as the remnants of Tropical Storm Alberto, can overwhelm the system causing localized flooding.

Norfolk Storm Water personnel try to identify areas prone to flooding to determine if preventive maintenance work or upgrades are needed. This work includes storm drain system improvements, ditch and pond cleaning, and storm drain structure cleaning. The City's Vactor truck crews and several rodding machine crews work to clear stoppages in catch basins and storm drain pipes. This summer, ditch cleaning crews cleared stoppages in more than 700 feet of drainage ditches throughout the City.

Please note that all of the City's ten storm water pump stations have operated this summer without incident. These pump stations are essential for keeping low lying areas of downtown and roadway underpasses free from flooding.

Maintenance of drainage ditches and driveway pipes on private property is the responsibility of the resident or business owner. Ditches and driveway pipes should be kept clear of litter, yard debris, and overgrown vegetation so that storm water can flow freely through them. This results in less flooding and a better environment for everyone.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Recognizes City Employee for Excellence. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) has named City of Norfolk Recycling Coordinator, John Deuel, as the 2006 Hampton Roads Southside recipient of the fifth annual William H. Savedge III Environmental Achievement Award. This award honors an individual or group for outstanding contributions to preserving and protecting the environment in Hampton Roads. John is being recognized for his passion for community environmental protection and his innovative leadership for environmental activism.

Youth Groups Educate Grocery Shoppers about Recycling. The LEGIT youth group (Learning Entrepreneurs Getting It Together) led by Terry Kelly, adult group sponsor, was integral in launching a new education pilot program at the Farm Fresh grocery store in Berkley. With the help of Keep Norfolk Beautiful, these young people along with their adult supervisors worked three Saturdays in June to educate patrons about the importance of recycling. The youth handed out paper grocery bags with a message about recycling to patrons as the entered or exited the store.

The youth group talked about the Big Easy program and suggested store visitors use paper grocery bags to collect recyclable paper and transfer directly to the 90-gallon blue cart. On one Saturday, LEGIT recruited students from the Campostella Boys and Girls

Club to help them educate residents. In total, 14 volunteers worked 42 hours and passed out 430 paper bags.

Forest Lawn Cemetery Streets Receive Resurfaced Treatment. In late April 2006, Robert Kirby, Superintendent of Cemeteries requested assistance from the Division of Streets and Bridges on resurfacing 32,000 square yards of asphalt roadway within the Forest Lawn cemetery. Two meetings later, Melinda Hunter, Civil Engineer II in Streets, assigned a local contractor, Action Paving, to the project.

This project is only one of many coordinated by the contract

This project is only one of many coordinated by the contract administration bureau of the Division of Streets & Bridges. Over the last five years, several other departments and divisions such as: Parking; Recreation, Parks and Open Space; Facility Maintenance; Utilities; and the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority have also requested assistance from Streets on a wide range of asphalt and concrete repairs.

City Receives Hurricane Isabel Reimbursement. After a hurricane or disaster, both Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reimburse localities for cost incurred. FHWA and FEMA have different regulations guiding their reimbursement policies. FHWA reimburses for work done on major arterials and the work must be completed 180 days after the storm. FHWA has reimbursed the City of Norfolk \$685,734 for debris removal on major roads, and repairs to signs, sidewalks and curbs.

Norfolk Civic Leagues Continue Receiving EARNN Awards. On Friday, June 23, 24 civic leagues across Norfolk received \$7500 in awards because of their participation in the City's recycling program. The large amount is due in part to the consistently better set out rates (group average is over 60%). The Glengariff Civic League received the largest amount of \$800. Other amounts presented ranged from \$50-\$800. At the current rate of participation, next year's amount to civic leagues could be near \$10,000.

Norfolk Rallies for Clean the Bay Day. Sun, sand and surf helped draw more volunteers than expected for the 18th annual Clean the Bay Day on June 10. Clean the Bay Day coordinators anticipated more than \$5,000 volunteers who participated in this year's event to clean up 275 miles of shoreline. Over 800 volunteers were expected in Norfolk, but 947 volunteers turned out to care for their beloved Bay.

Clean the Bay Day is a great opportunity for individuals, families and groups to clean up debris from waterways across Hampton Roads. Boaters, divers and landlubbers served as zone captains, registration assistants and trash collectors. This year, cleanup activity focused on inland waterways, marshes and areas adjacent to bridges. Volunteers collected about 43,000 pounds of debris from our waterways and from 339 miles of

shoreline. Farm Fresh Supermarkets and the Virginia Port Authority provided local support.

Aging Storm Water Pipes are Rejuvenated. The Division of Environmental Storm Water Management completed the rehabilitation of over 1700 feet of storm water pipe during the 2006 fiscal year at a total cost of \$227,409. This work was essential to repair cracks and breaks in the storm water piping system. In addition, the work performed on the pipes will increase efficiency and reduce any flooding risk.

The piping is renewed by the installation of a very durable plastic liner. This is accomplished in one of two ways: sliplining or Cast in Place Pipe (CIPP). Both techniques can be applied with the pipe in place, making excavation unnecessary. The sliplining process involves placing a plastic insert in to existing underground pipe. The CIPP process uses direct application of liquid plastic material to the interior surface of the pipe where it then hardens into a solid coating. Prior to installation, contractors conduct a video inspection of the pipe interior in order to decide the most appropriate renewal method.

Project Locations

Woodlawn Memorial Garden South Cape Henry Old Ocean View Rd @ Chesapeake Blvd. Fernwood Drive Gabriel Drive Tifton Street

Parking Area Renovation for Safe Pedestrian Sidewalk. Streets and Bridges recently renovated a parking area at Colonial Avenue and Princess Anne Road, along with the installation of a new sidewalk. Previously, the parking area blocked and prevented a pedestrian sidewalk. The renovation now provides a safe pedestrian walkway, including access for the handicapped.

Waste Management Dead Animal Collection Program. Most people cannot get beyond the thought of unsightly and gruesome animal carcasses occasionally seen on the City's rights-of-way. If you have ever wondered what City agency is responsible for removing "road kill," look no further than the Division of Waste Management. Over the years, crews have collected diverse species of animals, including dogs, cats, foxes, pigs and deer, and even assisted the Coast Guard with a dolphin recovery.

When crews remove an animal carcass, they do it cautiously because of the stench, blood, and other unknown diseases that may exist. Prior to bagging, crews check for collars that may identify pet owners. Once removed, a carcass' final destination is the Pet Cremation Services of Tidewater in Virginia Beach.

Although the majority of the animal deaths are the result of "road kill," (vehicular accidents) some are the result of abuse and neglect situations, such as dogs killed in

dogfights, or dogs that are chained to fences and die from malnourishment. "It really bothers me when I go to a scene and witness a dog that was abused," says Stevie Lloyd, Equipment Operator II. "When I can, I take time to console someone who has lost a pet not as the result of abuse."

RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Norfolk Xpress **Girl's Basketball Team Wins National Title.** Congratulations to Norfolk Xpress, the 11 and under girl's basketball team for winning the Youth Basketball of America 11U National Championship in Orlando, Florida this week.

The American Athletic Association/Young Basketball of America team is part of the Norfolk Recreation, Parks and Open Space sports program. The Norfolk Xpress defeated the Forest Park Fury from GA. 17-27 to win the championship.

The team spent nine days in Orlando, winning 10 out of 11 games to bring the National Championship home to Norfolk. The league director is Adrena Foy, head coach Mike Farris (also head girls coach at Booker T. Washington HS) and assistant coach Larry Hunter.

CAMP SHARE A LOT A HUGE SUCCESS

East Ocean View Community Center's Camp Share A Lot was a huge success this summer. Under new supervisor Elizabeth Brown the center began a summer program for children six to twelve years of age. The program introduced children to activities they may not have been exposed to previously. The children with the aid of Master Gardeners Juanita and Linwood Snead (recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer of the Year Award) were able to grow a plentiful garden, which included tomatoes, cucumbers, and other vegetables. The program also allowed the children to learn how to fish, and everything that is involved with fishing.

One of the greatest highlights of the Camp Share A Lot has been the introduction of sculling/competitive rowing. Several of the children under the supervision of Lisa and Debbie of the Hampton Roads Rowing Club gained knowledge, as well as hands on experience in the act of sculling. The instructors were so impressed by a few campers that they invited the Lake Taylor Varsity Rowing team to visit with them on August 24' 2006. For the lucky few that really had a knack for sculling they would get the opportunity to race each other that day.

Under the watchful eye of staff member Jody Unruh the children were able to complete various and unique arts and crafts projects. The young ladies in the program were able to get an idea of what the Girl Scouts are all about, through the aid of a grant Ms. Shelly Wheatstone (District Girl Scout leader) of the Colonial Girl Scouts Association. Staff member Rafael Roman kept the kids busy with various athletic activities, including a

weekly summer Olympics program. Throughout the Olympic program the children were able to earn medals, while good sportsmanship was taught.

The opportunities provided by the program have enabled children to grow as individuals, as well as culturally. The children learned water safety skills, how to harvest crops, and how to fish while interacting in a diverse environment. The success of this year's summer program has been a collaborative effort between the center staff: Elizabeth Brown, Jody Unruh, and Rafael Roman, as well as East Ocean View Advisory Board President Jim Janata, Advisory Board members Linwood and Juanita Snead, and finally the parents who cannot be left out of the camp's success.

UTILITIES

Proactive Reservoir Management Increases Public Awareness About Keeping Lakes Healthy. Do you know where your drinking water comes from? It comes from Norfolk's source water reservoirs, of course. But that does not mean that the reservoirs are *in* Norfolk. The City's primary source water reservoirs are in the Suffolk and Isle of Wight areas of the state.

In fact, only 8% of Norfolk's source water is in its own jurisdiction. The majority of those who live on and around the other 92% of Norfolk's source water are not Norfolk water customers.

"The bottom line is that the people we are relying on to help us protect the larger part of our water and watershed don't drink the finished, treated water," said Reservoir Manager David Rosenthal.

In 1990, when Rosenthal was hired as Norfolk's first Reservoir Manager, he was tasked with building a program that would educate all residents on the lakes and in the watershed about the effect they can have on the drinking water lakes.

"What people do in their own yards and in their community, whether on the lakefront or several miles away, can affect the lakes," said Rosenthal. "Educating people about that has been our focus for the last 16 years."

At first the Water Resources office, an arm of Norfolk Utilities Division of Water Quality, was more reactive than Rosenthal wanted it to be. Residents and users of the lakes generally were unaware of the rules and ordinances that apply to lake use and didn't know much about the role of the Department of Utilities in relation to managing the lakes.

The Lake Patrol, three Norfolk Police Officers that monitor and ensure safety on the reservoirs and shorelines, initially spent much of their time writing summonses to those not in compliance with reservoir boating, fishing, and bulkhead/pier codes. But, they also were able to educate boaters, fishermen, and residents about responsible actions on and around the lakefront. They distributed flyers with reservoir rules and spread the word about the new Water Resources office where people could call with questions.

Over the years, the Utilities Water Resources Office has produced and distributed educational materials, made presentations, formed watershed initiatives and environmental protection groups, organized lake clean-up days, appeared on television, created a detailed

and educational website, and interviewed for the newspaper. They have appeared in videos and talked to schools.

The current Water Resources team, Gary Bowen, Gary Butts, and Rosenthal, understand that people in general want to protect the environment. They just need to know the right things to do.

"Our job has been mostly public relations and public education," said Rosenthal. "The lake patrol was the beginning, and we have continued to expand our education program."

Generally, each audience has a different stake in the health of the lakes. Norfolk residents are interested in keeping the lakes healthy to benefit their own drinking water. Anglers care about the proper habitat the lakes provide for the fish. Suffolk and Isle of Wight residents want to ensure the lakes' beauty.

Rosenthal regularly posts notices on the most popular fishing websites and answers questions via internet bulletin boards. The Water Resources staff has done whatever necessary to reach the many audiences that are stakeholders in the health of the lakes. It's Utilities' job to educate all of them.

The latest product is *Waterfront News*, a four-page newsletter containing need-to-know information about maintaining the health and beauty of the lakes. In July *Waterfront News* was mailed directly to 1,400 lakefront residents in all jurisdictions. Its articles include:

- "Lakefront Construction and Landscaping,"
- "Removing Fallen and Leaning Trees,"
- "Fishing and Boating,"
- "Fertilizer, Your Lawn and the Lake,"
- "Erosion Control for Shoreline Protection,"
- "Pollution Prevention," and
- "Norfolk Police Protecting Your Investment."

Waterfront News has been well-received by its readers, who have called and emailed the Water Resources office, thanking Utilities for providing them with the helpful information. One of the ways the Water Resources office measures the effectiveness of its education program is by the decreased number of summonses the patrol has to write, attesting to the fact that lake users have the correct information and know the rules to follow.

The increased numbers of citizens' calls and website hits are also important measures of success.

Craig Street Sewer and Water Replacement Project Nearing Completion. The Craig Street sewer and water replacement project in Berkley is being partially funded by the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. This project, which will serve 24 households, replaces sewers in Craig Street from Fairfield Avenue to Berkley Avenue. As part of this project, the drinking water main is also being replaced in Craig

Street to enhance water services for this neighborhood. Replacement of the sanitary sewer line, laterals, and manholes began in April 2006 and is complete. Replacement of the water main began in June and scheduled for completion in August.

The total project cost to replace the sewers is approximately \$400,000. The CDBG funded amount of \$40,000 paid for engineering design and some construction related activities.

CIP Update. Glencove/Lochaven: Construction on the sanitary sewer upgrade for the Glencove/Lochhaven area is progressing with Phase 3 more than 85% complete and Phase 2 about 15% complete. The work consists of installing new sanitary sewer mains where necessary or relining the existing pipe in certain areas.

The upgrade of the sanitary sewer piping in the neighborhood will make the number of service requests decline sharply and improve services to a total of 181 residences.

The project is expected to be complete next winter and will cost an estimated \$4.6 million.

Granby Street Improvement Project. A new Capital Improvement Project is on the horizon for Norfolk Utilities and it will enhance water, sanitary sewer and fire protection services to the southwest quadrant of the down area.

Once complete, the Granby Street Improvement project will increase the reliability of services, decrease the chance of service interruptions, and allow easy access to infrastructure for fast maintenance.

Construction will begin in September and last approximately six months if the weather cooperates. The construction will require that the 100 block of Granby Street will be closed for four months. Utilities is working with businesses to notify customers that stores and offices will remain open during the period and parking is available for customers and clients nearby.

Z00

New Director for VA Zoo to Begin in October. Greg Bockheim has been selected as the next Director of the Virginia Zoo. Greg has over 20 years of diverse experience in zoo management and currently is the Director of the Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend, Indiana. While in South Bend, Greg has worked with both City and Society members to make the zoo the number one local attraction and number two regional attraction next to only Notre Dame football. Potawatomi Zoo was voted as one of the top 20 zoos in the nation by Child Magazine.

Greg has extensive experience in fundraising for capital campaigns, master planning for zoos and educational enrichment programming. He has previously worked for Disney's Animal Kingdom in Orlando, the Chafee Zoo in Fresno, California, Birmingham Zoo, Zoo Atlanta and John Ball Zoological Gardens in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Greg has a BS in Advertising/Public Relations from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan

and completed his zoological education between Michigan State and the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust in Great Britain.

FYI

VIRGINIA RESIDENTS URGED TO GET FLOOD INSURANCE, EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT IN AN OFFICIAL "FLOOD ZONE."

You don't have to live in a highest-risk area to be at risk for floods. Floods can happen anywhere, at anytime. Approximately 25 percent of all flood claims come from areas that are not designated as special flood hazard areas, yet only 4.3 percent of Virginia households in areas considered to be low-to moderate-risk areas have flood insurance protection.

Even if you have not been subjected to flooding in the past, land use, development and other factors can cause changes in flood risk over time. Even current flood hazard maps would not show the risk of catastrophic events such as hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Flooding is not covered by homeowners insurance. Even if you are living outside the high-risk area, and thus are not required by law to purchase flood insurance, you are still at risk for flooding, and should consider flood insurance.

As the 2006 hurricane season progresses, Virginians are being strongly advised by state and federal disaster officials to understand flooding risks in their area, and to obtain sufficient flood coverage. Norfolk emergency officials have long advocated that anyone living in the Hampton Roads area, also nicknamed "Tidewater" consider obtaining flood insurance.

As some statistics clearly show, while many residents have and maintain their homeowner's insurance policy, many others neglect to buy flood insurance coverage.

• Most Virginia residents are not covered by flood insurance. Even though there are nearly 2.7 million households in Virginia (2000 US Census), there are less than 92,000 flood insurance policies in effect throughout the state (data as of 5/31/2006).

 Just 52 percent of households in the highest-risk areas of the state are financially protected with flood coverage. However, more

than 16,000 homeowners lack this vital protection against the devastating effects of flooding.

"Even if you have a flood policy, make sure that it is kept current to reflect the changing needs of your structure and content," Federal Coordinating Officer, Gracia Szczech said. "Do not wait until after a flood event to discover that you are underinsured. Take



action now to protect your family's and business' investments." Policies are available to residential and business property owners for structures and contents, and to renters for content.

"Let's remember that when you prepare for a hurricane, you should also prepare for flooding," State Coordinating Officer, Michael Cline added, "Tropical storms and other severe rain events can flood homes as well as a hurricane can. Assess your need for flood insurance, even if it is not required by law or your mortgage company."

About 200 private insurance companies nationally offer affordable National Flood Insurance Program flood insurance backed by the federal government. Furthermore, flood policies are paid even if there are no federal disaster declarations in effect for those floods.

If you don't have flood insurance, talk with your insurance agent. There are low-cost Preferred Risk policies for people in low- to moderate-risk flood areas. State residents and others can visit FloodSmart.gov or call the National Flood Insurance Program call center, at 1-800-427-2419 to learn about flood coverage limits and the 30-day waiting period; to obtain a list of participating agents in their area; learn how to prepare for floods; how to purchase a National Flood Insurance Policy; and the benefits of protecting homes and property against flooding.

LEAVE DOWNED LINES ALONE

Brought to you from Dominion Power

Severe storms sometimes knock down electric lines. Please remember that all electric lines are dangerous, whether they are overhead, underground or lying on the ground.

A power line on the ground may not appear to be energized. It may not spark or snap. But if you see one, always assume it is live—and therefore dangerous. Never touch a downed line.

Remember also that electricity can travel through objects that are touching a power line.

So don't touch anything in direct contact with a power line, including a car, a tree or even another person.

Never drive a car or bike over a downed power line.

Don't try to move downed lines with a broom, board, tree limb or other non-metallic material. It's not only metal that conducts electricity.

If a power line is down or if you see something caught in one, please call us immediately at 1-888-667-3000, toll free.

HARBORING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Storing old paint cans? Have leftover turpentine? What about all those dead batteries? These items and others (see list below) are considered Household Hazardous Waste, and cannot be placed in your regular trash can.

Instead, they must be taken to the Norfolk Transfer Station for proper disposal, free of charge. The station is located at 3136 Woodland Ave., off of Ballentine Blvd. (next to the SPCA). Collection hours are 9am-Noon on the **first**Saturday and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Virginia Beach and Suffolk Regional Landfill facilities are open full-time, Monday through Saturday. Disposal is limited to 5 gallons of liquid or 75 pounds of solids per visit. Commercial waste is strictly prohibited.

Coming Soon – Keep Norfolk Beautiful will offer 24-hour, seven-days-a-week battery collection at its site, the Environmental Action Center, located in Lafayette Park next to the Virginia Zoo.

Questions? Call the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) at 420-4700 or Keep Norfolk Beautiful at 441-1347.

E-COMMERCE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

The City of Norfolk Economic Development Authority has setup an E-Commerce Business Assistance Grant Program to help facilitate technology access for Norfolk's private businesses. The City is partnering with the Virginia Electronic Commerce Technology Center (VECTEC) to assist interested businesses to undertake e-commerce projects to build sales and profits.

Services Provided Through VECTEC Under the Grant Program

Web Site Design & Development. The process begins with a free consultation of your

business during which VECTEC reviews your web site (if you currently have one), followed by the development of a site map and integration of new design, content and dynamic elements.

Online Shopping Systems. Once you are already to begin selling your goods and services online, VECTEC can help you set up a safe and secure online ordering system as well as help you integrate the look and feel of the web site with the online store. Custom databases are also available.



Search Engine Optimization. A web site only works if your customers can find you. VECTEC will help you determine what key phrases to target, and modify your web site through a process called organic optimization.

How To Apply

- Interested businesses please contact Jeff Gayle at VECTEC at (757) 594-7092 or email norfolkedagrants@vectec.org. VECTEC's client review interview process will determine eligibility—projects must be legal, ethical, and commercially viable, and project potential (job growth and retention, increased revenues) will be assessed.
- Each grant award is subject to the prior review and approval of the City of Norfolk Economic Development Authority.
- VECTEC will make recommendations for funding matches from the Center for Innovative Technology and other state business assistance sources.
- Approved Norfolk grant recipients pay their portion of the project cost at time of signing a Statement of Work.

Availability & Amounts

- Businesses must be located in Norfolk and be for-profit.
- The project must meet program criteria (as defined in how to apply).
- Grants are made on a first-come, first served basis.
- Grants will cover 50% of the project cost to your business, or a dollar-for-dollar basis, with a maximum grant award of \$2500.
- For minority and women-owned businesses, grants will be calculated on a 2 for 1 basis (\$2 grant funds for every \$1 of your expense) of the project cost to your business, with a maximum grant award of \$4500.

The Norfolk E-Commerce Business Assistance Grants program is a partnership of the City of Norfolk Economic Development Authority and VECTEC at Christopher Newport University.

About VECTEC

The Virginia Electronic Commerce Technology Center (VECTEC) is the Commonwealth's E-Commerce Center. VECTEC assists small to medium size businesses, local governments, regional agencies and nonprofits with a variety of e-commerce services including web site design, database development, search engine optimization and education and research programs. For more information about VECTEC services visit the website at www.vectec.org.

About Norfolk Economic Development Authority

The Authority and the Norfolk Economic Development Department want to assist local businesses in expanding their facilities, creating jobs and expanding the local economic base; educating businesses about federal, state, regional and local organizations and programs available; assisting in site selection and permitting process; and being a source for listings of available business and industrial properties. For more information about Norfolk programs for businesses, visit the website below.

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SIR ROBIN KNOX-JOHNSTON SETS SAIL FOR THE USA

Sailing legend crosses the Atlantic as part of VELUX 5 OCEANS preparations.

Sir Robin Knox-Johnston set off for New York in his Open 60 Grey Power. The trans-Atlantic crossing is part of Robin's preparations for the VELUX 5 OCEANS, the round the world, single-handed yacht race which begins in October 2006 in Bilbao, Spain.

For the silver jubilee year of the VELUX 5 OCEANS, the oldest solo round the world yacht race, Sir Robin will he hoping to complete the 30,000 mile course in around 112 days off his 1969 record.

In 2006, the race celebrates its 25th Jubilee year and, with new title sponsors, VELUX, is set to be grater than ever before. The 30,000 mile three-leg race is scheduled to begin in Bilbao on 22nd October and will stop in Australia and the USA before returning to Bilbao approximately 6 months later. The introduction of few stopovers and shorter preparation times between legs has been specifically introduced to provide a more cost effective global marketing opportunity for entrants and their sponsors.

Over the years, the race has consistently attracted a wide spread of entries from around the globe, making heroes of many celebrated yachtsmen and women, including Mike Golding, Philippe Jeantot, Giovanni Soldini, Jean-Luc van den Heede, Isabelle Autissier, Bernard Stamm and Emma Richards.

DON'T LEAVE PETS UNPREPARED FOR A FLOOD — MAKE A PET DISASTER PLAN

RICHMOND, Va. - Hurricane Katrina showed us the heartbreak that disaster victims endured as they left thousands of pets behind while they evacuated the Gulf States. Others did not evacuate at all because of concern for their pets. A similar disaster could hit Virginia, and it could happen to you...and your pets.

Thankfully, there are options available to help keep pets safe. The Richmond Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management ask families to make a plan for their pets ahead of time.

"The emotional trauma of losing a pet is extremely difficult," said Robin Starr, CEO of the Richmond SPCA. "With proper planning, you and your pets can make it through a disaster safely."

First, pet-owners should determine where their pets would shelter during an evacuation. Check with family and friends, your veterinarian or local kennel that offers sheltering services. Contact your local emergency manager to see if there are any pet-friendly shelters in your area, or find hotels and motels that allow pets at www.petswelcome.com.

"During Katrina, many pets died or became permanently separated from their owners," said Michael Cline, state coordinator for VDEM. "We don't want to see that happen again if a hurricane hits Virginia. It's vital that pet owners prepare now so that their pets will be safe when danger strikes."

Second, find out from pet shelters what documentation they require to shelter your pet and include it in your pet's emergency supplies kit. The kit should also include a carrier or leash, food and bowls, cat litter and litter box, medications and schedules, identification, contact information, veterinary shot records, beds and toys. Be sure your pet has proper identification tags at all times.

Finally, make plans for situations where your pets might be home alone and require rescuing. Secure them in an upper-level room with food and water to last at least one week. Post stickers or signs on doors or windows so that they are clearly visible from the outside of the building. Specify how many animals, what kind and where they are.

"Leaving your pet outside to fend for himself during a hurricane is a death sentence," said Denise Deisler, president of VFHS. "Without protection, pets are exposed to flooding, debris, and lack of food and water."

For more help in getting your family and pets prepared for disasters, visit VDEM's Web site at www.vaemergency.com or the Richmond SPCA Web site at www.richmondspca.org.

IN THE COMMUNITY

BASICS OF MENTAL ILLNESS CLASSES TO BE OFFERED IN SEPTEMBER FOR FAMILY MEMBERS, CARE GIVERS

Norfolk Community Mental Health Services will offer the fall session of its Mutual Education, Support and Advocacy (MESA) Class beginning at **7 PM Tuesday**, **September 5** at the Hospitality Center, 6401 Tidewater Dr., Norfolk. MESA is a comprehensive course about the basics of mental illness for the layperson and is ideal for family members of diagnosed persons, care givers and those who would like to know more about schizophrenia, depression and bipolar disorder. It covers such subjects as symptoms, medications, stress and communication and is taught weekly in two hour classes for a period of 12 weeks. There is no charge. For further information contact John Creekmore at 441-1170.

NORFOLK INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Companion Care Training Course. Become a companion, a sitter, or a homemaker. Attend a 40-hour training program. Receive a Certificate of Completion at the end of the training—September 11-15, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; September 18-22, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. COST: \$75 No checks or refunds. All materials will be supplied, refreshments, prizes and hand-outs daily. Payment and Sign-up deadline is September 1, 2006. First 10 people to sign and pay \$25 will get FREE \$50 Scholarship!! Limited seating of 20 people. If interested, please call NIP Program at (757) 623-7000.

FOOD AND FUND DRIVE FOR FOOD BANK

The Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center is sponsoring a Food & Fund Drive for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia between August 28 and September 22. The foodbank feeds over 65,000 people a month in Hampton Roads. The top 10 most wanted items are: peanut butter, chunky soups, canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned meats, juice, cereal, pasta, personal care items, paper products. Donations may be dropped off at 7300 Newport Avenue in Norfolk.



VIRGINIA STAGE COMPANY ENDS SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN THE BLACK

Chris Hanna, Artistic Director and Keith Stava, Managing Director are pleased to announce that the 2005-06 Season at Virginia Stage Company marked a period of

significant growth and artistic achievement where each of the productions garnered rave reviews from our patrons and critics alike and the Company ended the year in the black.

"The leadership of our Board of Trustees combined with our talented and dedicated staff of theater professionals has yielded one of the most successful years in the Company's history," commented Stava.

On Wednesday, July 26, 2006, Stava and Hanna released a detailed Annual Report which highlighted, among others, the following successes which were achieved during VSC's 27th Season:

- The 2004-05 Season was a turning point for Virginia Stage Company. The incoming management of Keith Stava and Chris Hanna worked with the Board and staff to increase ticket and contributed revenues, maintain production quality and reduce expenses. They were successful in earning a \$191,737 positive change in unrestricted assets from the prior year. In 2005-06, VSC continued its financial success and generated a \$48,167 operating profit and a projected \$60,000 positive change in unrestricted assets from the prior year.
- During the 2005-06 Season, Virginia Stage Company added **1,280 new season subscribers** while maintaining an 88.5% renewal rate of its previous subscribers. This renewal rate far exceeds the national average of 71%. These successes have increased VSC's season subscription base from 3,574 in 2004-05 to 4,442 in 2005-06.
- In 2005-06, VSC's total **mainstage attendance grew** from 48,167 to 53,750—an 11.6% increase.
- VSC's Education & Outreach programs provided the opportunity to experience professional theater for **35,149 Hampton Roads area students** in 2005-06—an increase of 10% over the previous year.
- This past season Virginia Stage Company raised over \$57,000 in contributed revenue and trade from sources new to the Company.
- Donors who have supported the Company in the past **increased their donations** to the Company last year by over \$55,000.
- During the 2005-06 Season, Virginia Stage Company added four new members to
 its Board of Trustees and created a new position—Vice President of Strategic
 Planning and appointed Board members Karol R. Lawrence (Norfolk Southern's
 Director of Planning) and Dwight Handforth (American Funds) to work with staff to
 generate the Company's ten-year Strategic Plan which will be completed by
 September 2006.
- With the help of a \$53,200 grant from The Norfolk Foundation and over \$15,000 in donations/trade from Electronics Systems Inc., VSC overhauled it's outdated IT system and in June replaced it's **box office and development system** with the new Ticketmaster Archtics system.
- For the first time in its history, VSC dedicated a year's artistic research and development towards a production scheduled for the following year's mainstage

season. In developing *King Lear: The Storm at Home*, Company members conducted interviews throughout the Hampton Roads community concerning issues of eldercare that were combined into an early workshop version of the production in April 2006.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

ARTS COMMISSION

Now in its tenth season *Arts Within Reach* features free performances, workshops, and demonstrations in neighborhoods throughout the City. Get to know local artists while you enjoy their talent and creativity in a relaxed atmosphere. For more information, or to be placed on our mailing list, call 664-4321 or visit www.norfolkarts.net.

September 2006

21 (Thursday) 6 pm **Sound Investment Jazz Ensemble** . Jazz musicians Bob Leketa, Steve Ambrose and Ralph Copley beautifully capture the essence of jazz, a distinctly American art form. Sound Investment performs a wide variety of jazz styles mixed with the sounds of today. The waterfront, outdoor dance-floor is open! *The Pagoda Garden*, *Teahouse and Gallery*, 265 W. *Tazewell Street*

October 2006

- **10** (Tuesday) 10 am **Hampton Roads Chamber Players Faculty**. Jorge Aguirre (violin), Beverly Kane Baker (viola) and Janet Kriner (cello), perform classical music by their favorite composers. This trio of musicians plays with the Virginia Symphony and directs the efforts and aspirations of young musicians through the Hampton Roads Chamber Players. *Holy Trinity Catholic Church*, *155 West Government Avenue*.
- 10 (Tuesday) 7:30 pm Old Dominion University's Waldo Family Lecture Series on International Studies: Mary Robinson (former President of Ireland) on "Human Rights in the Twenty-first Century," *Ted Constant Convocation Center*.
- **16 20** (specific dates and times TBD) **Old Dominion University Annual Literary Festival**. *For more information*, *call* 683-3991.
- **19** (Thursday) 11:30 am **Virginia Symphony Chamber Ensemble**. A group of Virginia Symphony musicians will perform classical selections. *Mount Zion Baptist Church*, 900 E. *Middlesex Street*.
- **29** (Sunday) 3 pm **ODU's Community Music Academy Faculty Recital.** The combined faculty of the Community Music Academy will present a recital including solo and ensemble selections in vocal, piano an other instruments. *Chandler Recital Hall, Diehn Fine and Performing Arts Center.* 49th Street & Elkhorn Avenue. 683-4075

November 2006

9 (Thursday) 11:30 am **M.S.G.** – **The Acoustic Blues Trio**. Jackie Merritt, Miles Spicer and Resa Gibbs write original songs and perform material by artists whose music is in East Coast Piedmont blues style. Influenced by ragtime, country string bands, traveling medicine shows, and popular song of the early 20th century, the East Coast Piedmont Blues style was created when both black and white, rural and urban song elements blended in the diverse urban centers of the Southeast and mid-Atlantic region. *Mount Zion Baptist Church*, 900 E. *Middlesex Street*.

15 (Wednesday) 10:30 am Ambrosia String Trio. Virginia Symphony musicians Simon Lapointe (violin), Jennifer Snyder (viola), and Rebecca S. Gilmore (cello) perform classical music for strings. Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center, 7300 Newport Avenue.
21 (Tuesday) 7:30 pm Old Dominion University Symphony, Lucy Manning, Conductor; Mike Hall faculty soloist. Performance to include Morton Gould's American Symphnoiette, Larsson's Trombone Concerto and Hanson's Romantic Symphony. University Theatre on Hampton Boulevard between 46th & 47th Streets. 683-4061

December 2006

2 (Saturday) 2 pm **Holiday Choral Showcase** . Several area choral groups present excerpts from upcoming holiday singing programs. In conjunction with d'ART Center 's Holiday Mart, an artistic shopping experience. *Selden Arcade*, 208 East Main Street .

7 (Thursday) 11:30 am **Sam Dorsey and Jorge Aguirre**, **Holiday Concert**. Two accomplished musicians and entertainers ring in the holiday with time-honored treasures and music from around the world. *Mount Zion Baptist Church*, 900 Middlesex Street.

12 (Tuesday) 11:30 am **Sam Dorsey and Jorge Aguirre , Holiday Concert** . Two accomplished musicians and entertainers ring in the holiday with time-honored treasures and music from around the world. *7036 Chesapeake Boulevard* .

CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART

SENIORS ART FORUM

The Seniors Art Forum is a senior citizens group that meets at 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month for a tour, discussion, and light refreshments. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call (757) 333-6268 for group reservations. Cost: included with Museum admission.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS:

Old Master Paintings from the Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Saunders, III Kaufaman Furniture Gallery Ongoing

Photography Speaks

Alice R. and Sol B. Frank and David L. Hack Photography Galleries Ongoing

Civil War Photographs from the David L. Hack Collection

Alice R. and Sol B. Frank Photography Galleries

The Civil War continues to fascinate, and this exhibition features compelling images from that era. In 1998, the Chrysler Museum acquired the David L. Hack Civil War Photography Collection of more than 300 photographs. Although the collection contains such icons as Alexander Gardner's photograph *Lincoln and Tad*, many of the works have never been exhibited or published. The show contains a large number of prints retaining their original mounts, portraits autographed by sitters, and several important series of photographs—such as Gardner's powerful documentation of the hanging of the Lincoln conspirators.

Through October 29, 2006

Civil War Redux: Pinhole Photographs by Willie Anne Wright

This exhibition of evocative contemporary photographs of recreated Civil War events were all made using the pinhole process. Wright "followed the troops" to many re-enactments, both large and small, capturing of a vast array of characters—men and women, black and white, Yankees and Rebels. The ethereal quality of Wright's pinhole photographs capture ghosts of the past who still speak today.

* Exhibition Programming*

Lecture Series: Selected Wednesdays throughout the exhibition, 7-8 p.m.

• September 27: Depicting Conflict: Art of the Civil War with Stephen May, independent historian and noted art, culture and historic preservation lecturer.

Film Series: Ken Burns' *The Civil War* (1990) Selected Saturdays throughout the exhibition, Enjoy Ken Burns' *The Civil War*, renowned video history of the war.

A Century of Great Photography from The Virginian-Pilot October 19, 2006-January 7, 2007

It has been said that the daily newspaper is "the first draft of history." For more than 100 years, *The Virginian-Pilot* and its forebears have used photography to visually record and interpret history in the making. This highly-anticipated exhibition surveys the photographs which have so effectively recorded the stories of our region and the nation. The images comprising this show are by staff photographers of various periods, artfully covering the items of most interest to their readers at the time. In order to examine the evolving character of our region, the last 20 years represented in the exhibition will showcase the work of many of *The Virginian-Pilot* photographers working today.

CITY COUNCIL

City Council Meeting Schedule

First Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Business meeting, formal docket. Public can address Council on new business provided they have followed the sign-up policy. *

Second Tuesday: 2:30 p.m. Business meeting, formal docket. Public can address Council on new business provided they have followed the sign-up policy.

Third Tuesday: 2:30 p.m. Business meeting, formal docket. Public can address Council on new business provided they have followed the sign-up policy.

Fourth Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Business meeting, formal docket. To the extent possible, public hearings and planning-related items will be scheduled during these sessions. *

* Tape-delayed airing on TV48 and www.norfolk.gov

d'ART CENTER

d'ART Center, Selden Aracade 208 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

ph: 757-625-4211 fax: 757-625-0670

Connect with the Visual Arts at www.d-artcenter.org

The d'ART CENTER is a regional, private, non-profit, visual art facility featuring 40 resident visual artists creating, displaying and selling original fine art. Our special events support the center's mission of connecting the public with the visual arts process.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES!

Having a birthday party, and need a cool activity for your guests? Call d'ART Center to arrange a private class for you and your friends for your big day and



make your celebration an art occasion to member! We will suggest both artist and artistic activity that you can remember and enjoy all year. For children and adults. Call 625.4211 for scheduling and arrangements.

FESTEVENTS

o Friday- Sunday, September 8-10, 2006:

<u>The 2nd Annual Virginia In-Water Boat Expo – in partnership with the National</u> Marine Manufacturers Association

- o Friday: 12:00 PM 8:00 PM
- o Saturday: 10:00 AM 7:00 PM
- o Sunday: 10:00 AM − 6:00 PM
- o Town Point Park & Waterside Marina, Norfolk, VA
- o Open to the Public
- o Ticketed
- o Friday Sunday, September 15-17, 2006:

5th Annual Cingular Wireless "Norfolk Seafood and Beach Music Festival"

- o Friday: 5:00 PM 9:00 PM
- o Saturday: Noon 9:00 PM
- o Sunday: Noon 6:00 PM
- o Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
- o Free & Open to the Public
- o October, 2006

Norfolk's Fleet Week Celebration

- Dates and Hours to be announced
- o Saturday, October 7, 2006:

18th Annual Cingular Wireless "Virginia Children's Festival"

- 10:00 AM 3:00 PM
- o Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
- o Open to the Public
- o Ticketed
- o Saturday-Sunday, October 21-22, 2006:

19th Annual Cingular Wireless "Town Point Virginia Wine Festival"

- o Saturday: 11:00 AM 5:00 PM
- o Sunday: 11:00 AM 5:00 PM
- o Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
- o Open to the Public
- o Ticketed

Future Events:

- o *Sail Virginia 2007* the international tall ship gathering in Norfolk, Virginia commemorating the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown Landing, **June 7-12, 2007.**
- o Town Point Park visual arts festival.

More information about events, including hours, ticket information, park regulations, parking and surrounding attractions, can be found by visiting the www.festeventsva.org or by calling 757.441.2345

HERMITAGE FOUNDATION

Fall Heirloom Plant Sale

September 16, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Hermitage Foundation will hold a Fall Heirloom Plant Sale. Open to the public, the sale offers several varieties of classic heirloom plants, including columbines, irises, peonies, hydrangeas, day lilies and much more. Hermitage Curator of Gardens & Grounds, Yolima Carr, emphasizes that "80% of the heirloom plants we are selling are perennials." Perennials will bloom year after year, becoming a reliable tradition in a garden. Heirloom plants are known and admired for their longevity, and hardiness as well as their beauty and grace. The sale will also include a variety of native plants and shrubs that will adapt to most yards and survive for generations. Many of the plants for sale can be found in the Hermitage Gardens.

September 15, 2006 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Members will be able to purchase fall heirloom plants before they are offered to the general public at this Hermitage Member Preview event. Members will also have the opportunity to attend a free lecture by Mr. Mathewes' in the Central Gallery beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Perry Mathewes has spent years researching historic Southern Gardens with an emphasis on the coastal plain of the Carolinas and Virginia. As former Curator of Gardens for Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, he was responsible for researching, restoring and maintaining a variety of gardens of the 18th and 19th century. Mr. Mathewes is currently the Education Program Manager for Norfolk Botanical Garden.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit The Hermitage Foundation. Hermitage staff will be on hand to answer any questions regarding the museum, gardens, and Visual Arts School. The museum will be open for hourly tours from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information about the Fall Heirloom Plant Sale, contact Yolima Carr: 757.423.2052 or yc@thfm.org

Visual Arts School. To assist local high school juniors and seniors in preparing to apply for competitive college visual arts programs, the *Hermitage Foundation Visual Arts School*

offers a new class in *Student Art Portfolio Building*. This class will help students develop solid art portfolios to accompany their applications to arts schools, colleges, and other educational institutions. The instructor, Emily Slapin, a graduate of Rhode Island School of Design, will teach students how to present themselves professionally, making them more competitive and desirable in the application process. In addition to art-making within the class, students will learn what colleges are looking for in portfolios, how to photograph works and construct a slide portfolio, and how to make the best presentation of skills and interests.

Painting, Drawing, Mixed Media

Student Art Portfolio Building (8 weeks)

September 13 – November 1

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Geared toward high school juniors and seniors, this class helps students develop solid art portfolios to accompany applications to art schools or college art programs. In addition to art-making within the class, students will learn what colleges are looking for in portfolios, how to photograph works and construct a slide portfolio, and how to make the best presentation of skills and interests.

Oil Painting (8 weeks)

September 13 – November 1

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

Open Studio 2-D (8 weeks)

September 14 – November 2

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Beginner Watercolor

September 12 – October 31

Tuesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesdays 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Photography

Intro to Darkroom Photography (8 weeks) September 12 – October 31 Tuesdays, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Advanced Photo/Open Lab (8 weeks)

September 14 – November 2

Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Ceramics

Intermediate/Advanced Clay (8 weeks) September 11 – October 30 Mondays, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Functional Pottery (8 weeks) September 12 – October 31 Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. & Tuesdays, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Beginner Pottery (8 weeks)

September 13 – November 1 Wednesdays, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Open Studio—Clay (September* through October)

* Open Studio will not meet on September 23

For more information on Fall Visual Arts Classes please contact Larissa Sutherland, Public Programs Manager, at 757-423-2052 x207 or ls@thfm.org

Don't Forget!

Fall Exhibition Reception Open to the Public Sept. 7 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ebb and Flow and *Imagined Encounters*. Both of these exhibitions will be sure to stir emotions as they make conscious the effects of our interactions with each other and with nature. Featuring work by Pam Ponce and Heather Bryant.

JAMESTOWN

Jamestown 2007 Events

March 29-April 21; September 1-4, 2007

The National Maritime Center will host a visit by the reproduction of John Smith's 1608 shallop, which serves as the centerpiece of an extensive education exhibit about Smith's voyage and the 17th century Chesapeake.

Opening April 2007

The Steel Navy/Jamestown Exposition Exhibit (working title)

This exhibit, developed and produced by the Hampton Roads Naval Museum in conjunction with Nauticus, will examine the period from 1880, when the Navy began to

recover from a post-civil war decline, to 1907, when President Theodore Roosevelt sent the Great White Fleet around the world as an affirmation of American naval strength. The exhibit will be located on the third floor of Nauticus.

Premiering April 2007 at Nauticus

An Enduring Legacy: The U.S. Navy and the 1907 Jamestown Exposition. Developed by the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, this 26-minute film traces the importance of the Jamestown Exposition to the region and its influence on the development of the naval station at Sewells Point. The film will be shown primarily in the Jamestown Exposition exhibit area after its debut in the Nauticus theater.

April 2007

President Teddy Roosevelt will engage visitors and explain his reasoning for sending the Great White Fleet on its historic voyage from Hampton Roads.

LIBRARIES

Early Literacy Partners: The Norfolk Public Library Youth Services Department would like to extend to you an invitation to our upcoming Early Literacy Program. For information about this and other early literacy programs and initiatives, please contact the Youth Services Team at (757) 664-7323 ext. 43748.

SEPTEMBER

Daddy & Me Breakfast and a Book. 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 9. Enjoy a delicious breakfast while you listen to stories that are sure to make your tummy tickle. Lisa Suhay, famous author of seven children's books, will be joining us. The Mermaids and Yellow Jack. A NorFolktale is her latest book. We will even do the mermaid dance! Age Groups: Family. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842. Free

Riddles and Puzzles. 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 12. Can You Solve This? Stories, riddles and puzzles to solve. Secrets, illusions and eye tricks - can you figure out what's going on? Bring a friend and help solve a mystery. Age Groups: School Age. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330. Free

Back to School Supplies Treasure Hunt. 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 12. Join us as we have fun playing the old treasure hunt game with rewarding school prizes. Come and see how many of the hidden prizes you can find, There will be no losers in this treasure seeking game. Age Groups: School Age. Blyden Branch Library, 879 East Princess Anne Road. 757-441-2852. Free

Lo Hago y Lo Tomo - Ojos de Dios Craft. 1:00 p.m., Sunday, September 17. Learn to make a fascinating Eye of the God with popsicle sticks and yarn. Age Groups: Family. Kirn Library Youth Services, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323. Free

Larchmont Branch Book Club. 3:00 p.m., Monday, Sep 18. Members of the Larchmont Branch Book Club will meet and discuss Azar Nafisi's READING LOLITA IN TEHRAN. Refreshments will be served. New members welcome. Age Groups: Adults. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335. Free

Spades Competition. 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 19. Come for fellowship, fun, and prizes. Don't know how to play? Instruction for Spades and other card games available as is a game table for the younger set. Sign up today at Barron F. Black Library. Age Groups: Teens, Adults. Barron F. Black Homework Center, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive. 757-441-5806. Free

ID Me Please. 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 19. Back by popular demand, you can enroll your child in the Child Identification Program sponsored by the Norfolk Sheriff Department. A picture identification card will be given to each child enrolled. From 0 months to 16 year of age. Age Groups: Babies, Preschool, All Ages. Blyden Branch Library, 879 East Princess Anne Road. 757-441-2852. Free

Family Night PJ Story hour. 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 21. Come and listen to stories and have a fun family evening. Barbie Willey will entertain us with wonderful stories and books about Fall. Age Groups: Family. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842. Free

Teens Read Banned Books Aloud!. 3:00 p.m., Monday, September 25. Come hear our TAB! teens read from books once banned and celebrate our freedom to read publicly! English and Hispanic books will be read. Age Groups: Teens. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751. Free

It's Hispanic Heritage Month. 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 28. You do not have to be Hispanic to be influenced by this rich culture. Come listen to Noemi Lopez read Spanish tales and share her culture with us. Age Groups: School Age. Barron F. Black Homework Center, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive. 757-441-5806. Free

Park Place Fiesta. 3:30 p.m., Friday, September 29. Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with stories, music and food. This will be one of the best fiestas of the year at Park Place! Age Groups: School Age, Adults. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330. Free

MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

New Special Exhibit Features Selections From The Macarthur Memorial's Extensive Collection Of World War I And World War II Posters

One of the most powerful and popular communication tools used during World War I and World War II was the poster. By combining advertising and art, private organizations, government agencies and businesses were able to create posters that embraced the American spirit. Images and slogans were designed to evoke a deep sense of family devotion, loyalty to country, traditional values and fear. They called upon every American to wholeheartedly support the war.

America Calls: Poster Art of World War I and World War II features original World War I and World War II posters from the United States, Great Britain, Canada and France that depict the different facets of propaganda used during the era. John Montgomery Flagg, Norman Rockwell and Howard Chandler Christy are among the many well-known artists whose works are exhibited.

In the time before television and radio were found in every home, posters were the most commonly used form of advertising. During times of war, posters were found on nearly every storefront, window and fence. The messages they carried varied from military recruiting efforts to promoting the sale of war bonds to urging conservation of food and other supplies needed for the war effort. The number of posters produced during the World Wars in the United States alone is estimated to be in the millions and in thousands of different designs. While some of the most well-known posters were produced by the U.S. government, businesses such as General Motors also produced patriotic posters for use in its factories to boost employee morale.

Because of the sheer numbers of posters produced during the World Wars, they were popular souvenirs for soldiers and civilians alike, and they remain popular items with militaria collectors as well as art collectors today. Some posters, such as Norman Rockwell's popular *Four Freedoms* series and John Montgomery Flagg's Uncle Sam images, are quite valuable on the collector's market. However, because posters were mostly mass produced, in some cases on inferior paper, they are quite fragile and difficult to find in excellent condition.

The MacArthur Memorial has approximately 450 war posters in its collection, many of which were purchased by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation in 1974 from noted poster collector Paul Keith. Other posters in the museum's holdings come from a variety of sources, including MacArthur admirers, soldiers who fought under his command, and an interesting collection given to the Memorial by the Larchmont Branch of the Norfolk Public Library.

America Calls is a colorful and patriotic exhibit that reflects a nation's struggle for freedom.

The MacArthur Memorial is open Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The museum is closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Admission is free.

New Exhibit at The Macarthur Memorial Commemorates The 60th Anniversary Of The Liberation Of Civilian Internment Camps In The Philippines During World War II

More than 60 years ago, over 5,000 civilian men, women and children were imprisoned in internment camps following Japan's occupation of the Philippines during World War II. A three-year struggle for survival ensued as these internees endured crowded living conditions, disease, limited medical supplies, heavy labor, tension, uncertainty, and near starvation.

On April 23, 2005, the MacArthur Memorial opened a special exhibit in honor of the internees, and the soldiers and civilians who saved them. The exhibition, which will be on display through February 28, 2006, examines the Philippines before the Japanese invasion and what characterized life for both the native Filipinos and the foreign-born residents. Focusing on the three major internment camps, Santo Tomás, Los Baños and Baguio, the exhibition offers insight into the internees' initial contact with their captors and their daily lives during confinement. While some succumbed to death, others with the help of the Filipino civilians and their own sheer will were able to survive until their eventual liberation in February of 1945.

NAUTICUS

On exhibit through September 4, 2006

Treasures of NOAA's Ark. Explore, discover, and uncover the mysteries of shore, sea, and sky through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) treasure trove of artifacts from America's premier environmental research agency! In a setting reminiscent of a 1930s warehouse, this interactive exhibit showcases more than 200 artifacts including survey instruments, chronometers, aeronautical charts, maps, photographs and more.



Through September 4, 2006

Treasures of NOAA's Ark related Educational Programming

Come enjoy Exploring the Sea—A Career Adventure; Charting the Waters; Under the Sea; or Wacky Weather. Call for details.

NEW!!!!!! September 5 through January 7, 2007; Call for show times

Ring of Fire. This exciting digital high-definition film about erupting volcanoes and earthquakes, takes you heartstoppingly close to the great circle of volcanoes and seismic activity that rings the Pacific Ocean. You'll feel the heat as cameras take you to a new volcano in Chile, a 1980 eruption of Mount Saint Helens, an evacuation drill in Japan, and

an earthquake in San Francisco. 40 minutes. (\$3 with ticket purchase & for Nauticus members; \$5 general admission). For more information, call (757) 664-1000.

September 10-23

Norfolk Library Card Days. In recognition of National Library Card Sign-Up Month and in conjunction with the Norfolk Public Library, Nauticus will offer buy one, get one free admission to all Norfolk library cardholders. Present your valid card for this special offer! (Cannot be combined with any other offer. Free admission is of equal or lesser value.)

Friday, September 15

Nauticus will be closed to prepare for the 4th Annual Treasures of the Sea Gala.

Friday, September 15, 2006

4th Annual Treasures of the Sea Gala. This unique black-tie event will include live entertainment, a silent and live auction, catered food, and an open bar. All proceeds benefit the educational programs and facilities at The National Maritime Center. For tickets or more information, call (757) 664-1014.

September 15, 2006, through March 22, 2007

Work Boats. This exhibition of digital watercolor photographs by world-renowned artist Janos Enyedi, features more than 40 photographs that were shot in the last six months in locations that include Hampton Roads, Baltimore Harbor, Philadelphia, and New York Harbor.

Friday, September 29, 2006

The Living Shoreline. Developed in conjunction with NOAA, this exhibit will allow visitors to explore the Chesapeake Bay through hands-on exhibits, dioramas, and a new aquarium that will expose visitors to the four zones of the Bay—uplands, tidal marshes, underwater grasses, and oyster reefs. This exhibit is the first phase of NOAA's new Chesapeake Bay exhibit gallery, *Signals from the Shore, Sea & Sky*.

Saturday, September 30, 2006

National Estuaries Day. Join us for a day of activities highlighting the new *Living Shoreline* exhibit including educational make-n-takes and special programming.

Ongoing Programs (Please call ahead for times as schedule and programs will change after Labor Day)

Shark Feeding.

Watch Nauticus' live Nurse and Spotted Bamboo sharks eat as you learn about shark behavior and ecology!

Shark Touch. (Height restrictions apply.)

What does a shark's skin feel like? Find out at Nauticus' Shark Petting Lagoon, where you can touch the back of a warm-water Nurse Shark. Sharks in the Lagoon vary in length from two to three feet.

Grando Electro Show

Experience the science of static electricity, sparks, and electrical charges in a safe and controlled manner. You'll get a "charge" out of it!

Eco Exploration.

Explore the Elizabeth River during this 30-minute, hands-on discovery walk! Discover plants and animals that dwell in our own waterways as well as the Chesapeake Bay. Collect water and aquatic specimen samples while learning about river ecology and biological conditions.

Kiddie Tide pool & Story time.

Geared toward early learners, this program explores the ecology of the Elizabeth River. Plus, enjoy a special reading of a maritime-related story.

NOAA *Science On a Sphere* **Presentation.** Enjoy this exciting and interactive presentation on our newest exhibit, Science On a Sphere. Explore the Earth's surface and learn about weather patterns, how hurricanes are formed, climate conditions around the world, and much more!

Nauticus September 2006 Calendar of Exhibitions, Events, & Programs – add two

Aegis.

Aegis is an ancient word for shield. It's also the name of the Navy's hi-tech protection system used by destroyers to form a 250-mile-radius shield around a naval battle group. This specially designed command center theater simulates a battle situation, allowing you to feel the weight of command, as you make hair-raising, snap decisions.

Design Chamber: Battleship X

Inside this multi-media interactive theater, match wits with America's best ship designers on the eve of World War II in a race against time to create the greatest battleship ever. If you are a tactical genius, this is the place to show it.

Digital High-Definition Films (\$3 with ticket purchase & for Nauticus members; \$5 general admission)

The Greatest Places. (45 min.) 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. On view through September 4, 2006.

This exciting film takes viewers on a journey of the most geographically dynamic locations on earth—the Amazon, Greenland, Iguazu Falls, the Namib Desert, the Okavango Delta and Tibet.

The Living Sea. (45 min.) Daily. Call for show times.

This film celebrates the world ocean - its beauty, diversity and importance to all life on Earth. Swim with thousands of golden jellyfish and witness the bizarre spawning behavior of giant clams. Surf in Hawaii, deep-sea dive in Palau and test your courage with the Coast Guard in some of the world's roughest seas!

Fourth Annual "Treasures of the Sea" Gala. The National Maritime Center (TNMC) will host its Fourth Annual "Treasures of the Sea" Gala on Friday, September 15, 2006 from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event will benefit the educational programs and facilities of TNMC. This unique black tie event will include live entertainment as well as live and silent auctions featuring "treasures" donated from local businesses to bid on. Ticket price is \$150 per guest. TNMC is currently seeking corporate sponsors for the event. To donate a gift item or for more information, please contact Susan Pickworth at (757) 664-1014.

Become a Partner-In-Learning. If you run a business, consider investing in the community by becoming a Corporate Member of TNMC. Our Partners-In-Learning program offers your company and employees many valuable benefits, including free admissions, discounts on facilities rentals for events, invitation to special events, and media recognition through our print and television advertising campaigns.

Your participation allows to reach thousands more school children with out programs, and gives your company tangible benefits with promotions, free admission and discounts.

For more information, please call Brian Fair, Director of Development, at (757) 664-1011.

Kids Discovery Cruises. The Spirit of Norfolk and Nauticus - The National Maritime Center have joined together to bring youngsters of every age a voyage of history, geography, and fun all rolled into one! Each Kids Discovery Cruise includes a kid-friendly buffet, lively DJ, and fascinating SOL-compatible programs designed by the education professionals at Nauticus. Your kids will have so much fun, they won't even know they're learning.

September 20 - <u>Weather Wonders / Power of Nature</u> October 24 - <u>Cool Science</u> November 15 - <u>Shark Power</u>

Boarding: 11:30am and Cruising: Noon to 2:00pm

Please call (757) 625-3866 for reservations & children's rates.

For groups of 20 or more, please call (757) 625-1463.

Open House. Saturday, September 23, 2006 1-3 p.m. Join the National Maritime Center for free food, free resource materials and lots of fun. Bring your family to enjoy the afternoon while you get some great ideas to enhance your classroom experiences. Educators of all grade and subjects welcome! Representatives from the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, Nauticus and NOAA at Nauticus will be represented. Topics such as archeology, natural resource management, and living systems will be covered. We will also have a special guest make an appearance. Please contact Jennifer Kodolitsch at (757) 664-1044 or email jennifer.tabor@norfolk.gov.

Educator's Online Forum. The National Maritime Center's Educator's Forum is a new way for teachers to network with other teachers, share lesson plans and great websites, and share thoughts on current educational news & topics. We invite you to visit the forum and take part in making this your forum, filled with the type of information you are interested in. To use the Forum, create a free account and logon at TNMC's Educator's Forum.

Bones: An Exhibit Inside You. October 7, 2006-January 7, 2007: "BONES: An Exhibit Inside You" is a 6,000 square-foot exhibition of exciting and interactive activities to teach all about bones. It examines bone biology, keeping bones healthy, and how bones are part of cultures all over the world. Both adults and children are shown how they can take an active role in keeping their bones healthy by eating a calcium-rich direct and exercising. By examining advances in scientific technology, visitors will learn a great deal about bones and how to keep them healthy.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Are you interested in presenting science demonstrations or interpreting hands-on exhibits? If the answer is "yes," then Nauticus has an opportunity for you! We are interested in adults, college students and high school/home school students who are at least 14 years old and can commit to at least four hours one day a week. For more information about Nauticus' volunteer and intern program, please contact Jennifer Rosenberg at (757) 664-1043 or email Jennifer Rosenberg. Visit our Volunteer web page to download a volunteer application.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

Oceanview Senior Center Activities

Regular Events:

Wednesdays

60+ Club Business Meeting 11:00a.m. Featuring Card games, BINGO, Ballroom Dancing, Hot Meal

Thursdays

Line Dancing Class 11:00a.m.

Tuesdays

Square Dancing 6:30p.m.

Fridays

Square Dancing 10:30a.m.

Mon-Fri

Nutrition Program 10:00a.m

Staff Assistance is provided each month to permit groups such as civic groups, Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club and Mayors Task Force.

NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN AND RESOURCE CENTER

City Living Norfolk Style Monthly Lecture Series

The Norfolk Neighborhood Design and Resource Center, together with the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, is sponsoring a series of lectures that are free and open to the public. Please come and join us!

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Design and Resource Center at 111 Granby Street. Norfolk, Virginia 23510 Phone: 757-664-6770

09/21/06 Lighting Design (Windows, Natural Lighting, and Lighting)

Speaker: Steve Wright, Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas

10/19/06 LEED and Sustainable Design & Construction

Speaker: John Dunn, Moseley Architects

11/16/06 Archi-Post: Designing Hampton Roads – Presentation Post Card Series

Speaker: Kevin Cheney, Assoc. AIA Clark-Nexsen

NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN

Opening September 2, 2006!



World of Wonders is a three-acre garden dedicated to families and children. Located in the heart of Norfolk Botanical Garden, WOW brings the world of plants to our back door, literally creating a museum without walls.

This garden is guided by the philosophy that children will thrive and learn in their very own space dedicated to them. The goal of the garden is to encourage children to explore the connections between plants, international cultures and the environment, using their natural curiosity and playful instincts.

To do this, WOW will have several distinct areas, each offering different interactive lessons, but all offering excitement, enrichment and entertainment.

Global Gateway – The unique gathering area features a beautiful bed of annuals, comfortable seating, and a rainbow of color through plants, art and flags.

World Plaza – After spilling out of an underground tunnel, kids can splash their way around the world! Through fountains, bubblers, foggers and jet sprays, they will explore the oceans and other major waterways on Earth.

Discovery Peak – The Trade Route is lined with a low wall for climbing and playing. Along the way, kids will find plants from different continents and interactive displays to teach them where plants originate and what products we get from them.

Imagination Circle – The centerpiece of Imagination Circle is a one-of-a-kind water fountain, with a water spray kids can control! As they make the spray go higher and higher, they'll learn valuable lessons like communication, cooperation and working together as a team.

The Dirt Factory – This is a great place to dig, climb, and explore. Inside an oversized treehouse, kids will learn about bugs, plant seeds, and well, play in the dirt!

Plant Safari – Here kids can tell time with their own bodies on a sundial, mark their birthdays on a colossal calendar, and follow a trail through nearly an acre of wetlands, forests, grassland and desert areas.

Exploration Station – An indoor classroom that is an ideal site for nature camps and birthday parties, and a unique amphitheatre is perfect for family-oriented concerts and performances. You will find restrooms and vending machines in this area.

Passport Gardens – With access from the World Plaza, each passport garden creates a microcosm representing a specific plant community, a region that characterizes it, and some of the people and animals that correlate to it. There are six (6) passport gardens in all. Here's where the trip will take them:

Werowocomoco Woods - Eastern U.S. Deciduous Forest Oodnadatta Outback - Australian Outback Choco Rain Forest - South American Rain Forest Ithaca Isle - Mediterranean Chaparral Serengeti Savanna - African Grassland Kamchatka Taiga - Northern Coniferous Forest

NORFOLK WETLANDS

Wetland Slog! September 9, 4 p.m.: Join wetland experts from the Norfolk Wetlands Board, Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for a Wetland Slog. We're going to wade and muck our way through Norfolk's public marshes in search of a diverse array of wetland plants and wildlife, getting a good dose of interpretation and wetland education along the way. The slog is meant to be fun, education, and help participants learn about the



waters and wetlands that surround our fair city. Interested? Contact Kevine Du Bois at 664-4369 for more details and registration. The slog is free to and open to the public. Space is limited and Norfolk residents will be given registration priority.

Free Public Wetlands Education Seminar; September 30, 9am-3pm. With encouragement from the Norfolk Wetlands Board, Norfolk's Bureau of Environmental Services has developed a one-day wetlands educational seminar. Morning sessions will provide information on: the functions and values of wetlands, the importance of wetlands in marine ecosystems and their value to society, restoration projects in the City, the regulatory process, enforcement issues, and City staff contact information.

In the afternoon, we'll go into the field to explore a local march. Staff will drag nets for fish, filter marine sediments for critters and we'll look at vegetated wetlands to relate classroom concepts to Norfolk's wetland resources. Participants will have the opportunity to be actively involved in the field activities so dress accordingly!

Breakfast snacks and lunch will be provided to registered participants. Contact Kevin Du Bois (664-4369) or Annette Newkirk (664-4365) to register. Space is limited.

Where: Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center, Lafayette Park, 3500 Granby Street. Call 441-1347 for directions.

POLICE MUSEUM

Grant Family Treasures Boost Museum Collection; Farewell, Best Wishes to Chief C.D. Grant

For nearly a century, the Grant family has been dedicated to Norfolk public safety. Charles A. Grant became a Norfolk police officer in 1912 and served close to 35 years. His son, Charles D. Grant, was sworn as an officer in 1946 and worked his way up through the ranks to become chief. He retired after 39 years. Chief Grant's wife, Dorothy, was a NPD crossing guard. The Chief's son, Drew, also served as a Norfolk police officer, and his

other son, Don, is presently a Norfolk Fire-Rescue battalion chief. C.A. Grant, C.D. Grant, and Drew Grant all wore the same badge set, #151.

Many museums have what is known as a core collection, a basic collection around which a museum grows. When I became NPD Curator in 2000, there were fewer than 300 NPD and Norfolk historical items in the Museum collection. Chief Grant, Dorothy, Don and Drew generously donated the Norfolk Police Museum. This major gift coupled with the existing Museum holdings formed our families, successfully seeking important additions to our collection. Through his efforts and the efforts of numerous others, our collection has grown to more than 5,000 artifacts, documents, and photographs.

After 85 years, Chief Grant left Norfolk on November 30, 2005 to live with Drew and his family in Colorado and Don and his family in Chesterfield County, Virginia. He will be sorely missed. God bless, and God speed.

There are numerous Grant family items currently on display in the Museum, including the badge set. Located in the Police Administration Building, the Norfolk Police Museum exists for you. If you are not able to visit the museum during the normal hours of 0800-1700, Monday through Friday, just e-mail jim@melchor.us or call 423-6592. Special arrangements will be made to open the museum for NPD family members at night, on weekend, or on holidays.

VIRGINIA STAGE COMPANY

VSC Presents Savor the Stage

Get your taste buds ready for VSC Presents Savor the Stage. Join us at the historic Wells Theatre and sample several of Norfolk's finest restaurants and catch a sneak preview of our upcoming 28th season including musical performances from *Crowns*.

Thursday, September 7, 2006; 5:30 p.m. Season Preview; 6:30 p.m. \$20 per person

The proceeds are to benefit the Virginia Stage Company.

Restaurants include: Bardo, Club Soda, Freemason Abbey, Sterlings, The Painted Lady, Voodoo Rouge and more!

For more information visit our website <u>www.vastage.com</u> or call 627-6988 ext. 342 or 306.

For reservations, please call (757) 627-6988 ext. 342 or 306.

Go Ahead...Live a Little With Virginia Stage Company's 28th Season!

Under the new leadership of Chris Hanna, Artistic Director, and Keith Stava, Managing Director, Virginia Stage Company produced one of its most successful seasons last year. Last year alone, **subscription sales increased by 26%**, and so far, subscription sales for next year are doing even better!

Break out of your day to day routines and guarantee yourself five nights of excellent theater by subscribing to our 28th Season today. Five special dates with your spouse, five nights out with the girls or even just five nights of escape from your overly hectic schedule! Whatever the case may be, you will want to join us for another entertaining season at the beautiful Wells Theatre.

And remember, as a subscriber you **get one play for free!** Not to mention valuable subscriber benefits such as ticket exchange privileges, diner discounts and **guaranteeing the best seats in the house**. To purchase your subscription today, please call the box office at (757) 627-1234 or go online at www.vastage.com

SEASON 28: GO AHEAD... LIVE A LITTLE

Crowns

by Regina Taylor September 19 - October 8, 2006

You'll dance in the aisles during this theatrical sensation about a cherished custom that fuses faith and fashion. Crowns is a joyous celebration of African-American women and their fabulous church hats. Based on the best-selling book by Michael Cunningham and Craig Marberry, Crowns is a stand-up-and-testify musical, it's brimming with "hattitude," riveting stories, dance, jazz, blues and glorious gospel music. It's an infectious theatrical experience with universal appeal, no matter your gender, race or fashion sense!

The Elephant Man

by Bernard Pomerance October 31 - November 12, 2006

Based on the true story of John Merrick, the grotesquely deformed 19th century Englishman, The Elephant Man is an epic story about human dignity in the face of unspeakable pain. Although frightening to look at and hard to understand, Merrick was sensitive and bright, unlike his keepers. Winner of every major drama award including three Tony Awards, Pomerance's masterpiece elegantly examines the notion of true beauty.

Indoor/Outdoor

by Kenny Finkle January 16 - February 4, 2007 This new comedy explores the humorous side of a man's relationship with his feline housemate. With the help of a novice pet psychologist, who may be flying on her own version of catnip, Indoor/Outdoor seeks to answer the age-old question "is the grass always greener?" It's a funny romantic comedy for anyone who's ever been in a relationship...human or otherwise!

To Kill A Mockingbird

by Harper Lee February 27 - March 18, 2007

The American classic comes to life through the eyes of Scout, the spunky and curious daughter of lawyer Atticus Finch. When her father agrees to defend an unjustly accused young black man in a racially divided 1930's Alabama town, Scout finds out that justice and truth aren't necessarily one in the same. This Pulitzer Prize winning story is a powerful examination of integrity, fairness and quiet courage.

King Lear: The Storm at Home

adapted by Chris Hanna - based on William Shakespeare's King Lear April 3 - 22, 2007

Drawn from interviews with Hampton Roads' elders, families and eldercare professionals, King Lear - The Storm at Home weaves these stories with the classic King Lear text by a troupe of actors whose performance dramatizes how families are facing the emotional, legal and ethical challenges of caring for our aging parents.

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SAVE THE DATE!! A Roarin' Good Time!!! ZooToDo-October 7, 2006-7:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

Exotic Foods - Wild Guests - Together for a Roarin' Good Time

The Season's Wildest Fundraiser

Under the stars and under the canopy Exquisite dishes from the best restaurants Music to party by The Calypso Nuts and All That! And the famous ZooToDo Live/Silent Auction

Tickets for ZooToDo 2006 are on Sale Now!

Zoo Members: \$50 until September 30, \$75 after, includes two drink tickets Non-members: \$60 until September 30, \$85 after, includes two drink tickets VIP Tickets: \$125 until September 30, \$150 after, includes four drink tickets

Volunteers get special perks. Call to find out more!

Call (757) 441-2374 for details or visit Virginia zoo.org.

Does Your New Year's Resolution Call For Volunteering? The Virginia Zoo Can Help!

The Virginia Zoo is offering a Docent Training Program for those volunteers interested in educating the public about our mission.

Because of their high visibility, Zoo docents have a special opportunity to share their enthusiasm about animals and the Zoo. The Docent Training Program provides a basic preparation for this work through an educational program followed by an animal handling course and mentorship with experienced docents.

Docent training began in January. For more information about this hands on experience or to reserve your spot in the Virginia Zoo's docent training class, please call Pat Clark at 441-2374 ext. 225 or send her an email to Patricia.Clark@norfolk.gov.

As an accredited American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) facility, your Virginia Zoo exhibits over 350 animals, beautifully manicured grounds and offers a funfilled day for all. For more than a century, the Virginia Zoo has demonstrated a commitment to wildlife, conservation and education. Your Virginia Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and located at 3500 Granby Street in Norfolk. Daily admission prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors (age 62 and over), and \$4.00 for children ages 2-11. Visit www.virginiazoo.org or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.

Application for the Norfolk Police Department Citizen's Academy Fall Session October 19-January 25, 2007

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Place of Employment:	
Address:	
Social Security Number:	
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Is Your Driver's License Currently Valid? _	
Have You Ever Been Convicted of a Felony	<i>y</i> ?
I certify that all statements made on this application Department to conduct a criminal history check based	
Signature	Date
Mail of Fax application to:	

Norfolk Police Department Citizen's Academy Attention: Sgt. Marion Miles 2500 North Military Highway Norfolk, VA 23509

Phone: 664-6918 Fax: 664-6919

Email: marion.miles@norfolk.gov



201 East Little Creek Road, Norfolk, VA (757) 664-6000

Purpose: To promote employment throughout the City of Norfolk and encourage self-sufficiency among its residents by providing convenient, centralized access to programs and services administered by the Department of Human Services and its partners.

By the Numbers:

- 89,000 Square Feet
- 230 Employees
- 250 Cubicles
- 12 Meeting Rooms
- Large Parking Lot
- Highly Functional and Eloquent Interior Design
- High Integration of Computer/Video Technology

Programs and Services:

- Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW)
- Food Stamp Education & Training (FSET)
- Empowerment 2010
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Medicaid
- Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan (FAMIS)
- Child Care Assistance
- Energy Assistance
- Lifeline (Utility Assistance)
- Customer Service Center (Call and Information Centers)

Partner Organizations:

- KRA Corporation Employment Services
- The Planning Council Childcare Assistance
- Community Services Board
- Virginia Tidewater Consortium Education Services
- Eggleston Services Employment Services for Mentally Disabled Adults
- Department of Neighborhood Preservation, Bureau of Community Relations